Period 8 Timeline of Major Events (1945-1980)

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| Key Concepts: |
| 8.1: The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and working to maintain a position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international consequences. |
| 8.2: New movements for civil rights and liberal efforts to expand the role of government generated a range of political and cultural responses. |
| 8.3: Postwar economic and demographic changes had far-reaching consequences for American society, politics, and culture |

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| President: | Event and Significance: |
| Harry S. Truman  Democrat  (1945-1953) | Servicemen’s Readjustment Act or GI Bill (1944) |
| Formation of the United Nations (1945) |
| Iron Curtain (1946) |
| Employment Act of 1946 |
| Committee on Civil Rights (1946) |
| Levitttown (1947) |
| Taft-Hartley Act (1947) |
| National Security Act (1947)   * Department of Defense * National Security Council (NSC) * Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) * Selective Service System (1948) |
| Harry S. Truman  Democrat  (1945-1953)    Harry S. Truman  Democrat  (1945-1953) | Truman Doctrine (1947) |
| Loyalty Review Board (1947)   * McCarran Internal Security Act (1950) * *Dennis et al v. United States* (1951) * HUAC   + Hiss Case (1948-50)   + Rosenberg Case (1951-53) |
| Executive Order 9981 (1948) |
| Marshall Plan (1948)   * Molotov Plan (1947) |
| Berlin Airlift (1948-49) |
| Truman’s *Fair Deal* (1949) |
| Sino-Soviet Pact (1950) |
| McCarthyism (1950s) |
| Korean War (1950-1953)   * June 25, 1950 * Counterattack * Truman v. MacArthur * Armistice |
| 22nd Amendment (1951) |
| U.S.-Japanese Security Treaties (1951) |
| Hydrogen Bomb (1952) |
| Dwight D. Eisenhower  Republican  (1953-1961)    Dwight D. Eisenhower  Republican  (1953-1961) | Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) (1953) |
| Operation Wetback (1954) |
| Geneva Conference (1954) |
| Domino Theory (1954) |
| SEATO, South-east Asia Treaty Organization (1954) |
| *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954) |
| Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955) |
| Little Rock Nine (1956) |
| Suez Crisis (1956) |
| Highway Act (1956) |
| Civil Rights Act of 1957 |
| Formation of SCLC, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (1957) |
| Eisenhower Doctrine (1957) |
| Sputnik (1957) |
| *Yates v. United States* (1957) |
| NDEA, National Defense and Education Act (1958) |
| NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1958) |
| Civil Rights Act of 1960 |
| Formation of SNCC, The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (1960) |
| OPEC, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (1960) |
| U-2 Incident (1960) |
| “Military-Industrial Complex” (1961) |
| “Beatniks” (1950s-1960s) |
| John. F. Kennedy  Democrat  (1961-1963)    John. F. Kennedy  Democrat  (1961-1963) | Kennedy/ Nixon Debates (1960s) |
| New Frontier (1960) |
| Bay of Pigs Invasion (1961) |
| Berlin Wall (1961) |
| *Mapp v. Ohio* (1961) |
| Cuban Missile Crisis (1962) |
| *Baker v. Carr* (1962) |
| *Engel v. Vitale* (1962) |
| SDS, Students for a Democratic Society (1962) |
| “Letter from Birmingham Jail” (1963) |
| March on Washington (1963) |
| *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963) |
| Equal Pay Act of 1963 |
| Kennedy Assassination (November 22, 1963) |
| Lyndon B. Johnson  Democrat  (1963-1969)    Lyndon B. Johnson  Democrat  (1963-1969)    Lyndon B. Johnson  Democrat  (1963-1969) | War on Poverty (1964)   * Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) * Head Start * Job Corps |
| Great Society (1963-1966)   * Food Stamp Act (1964) * National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities (1965) * Medicare/Medicaid (1965) * Elementary and Secondary Education Act (1965) * Immigration Act (1965)      * Child Nutrition Act (1966) |
| Free Speech Movement (1964) |
| Civil Rights Act of 1964 |
| 24th Amendment (1964) |
| *Escobedo v. Illinois* (1964) |
| Tonkin Gulf Resolution (1964) |
| Department of Housing and Urban Development (1965) |
| March to Montgomery (1965) |
| Voting Rights Act of 1965 |
| Watts Riots (1965)   * Kerner Commission |
| *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) |
| Black Panthers (1966) |
| *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966) |
| NOW, National Organization for Women (1966)   * Campaign for the ERA |
| Department of Transportation (1967) |
| MLKJr. Assassination (1968) |
| Tet Offensive (1968) |
| Election of 1968 |
| My Lai Massacre (1968) |
| Counterculture (1960s) |
| Sexual Revolution (1960s)   * Birth Control (1960) |
| Richard Nixon  Republican  (1969-1974) | “Vietnamization” (1969) |
| SALT I (1969) |
| Pentagon Papers (1970) |
| Nixon’s Visit to China (1972) |
| Title IX (1972) |
| Watergate Scandal (1972-1974)   * CREEP * *United States v. Nixon* (1974) * Resignation & Pardon |
| Paris Accords of January 1973 |
| *Roe v. Wade* (1973) |
| War Powers Act (1973) |
| October War and Oil Embargo (1973) |
| Gerald Ford  Republican  (1974-1977) | Fall of Saigon (1975) |
| Genocide in Cambodia (1975) |
| Jimmy Carter  Democrat  (1977-1981) | Panama Canal (1978) |
| Camp David Accords (1978) |
| Iran Hostage Crisis (1979-1981) |
| SALT II (1979) |
| Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan (1979) |