**Unit 6 Key Concepts Sheet**

Vocabulary

Out of the terms below, identify and explain their significance in American History. Honors will need to complete 20, and Academic needs to complete 15. Be deliberate in your choice of the terms, there will be some that you feel you do not need to review before the assessment. Remember, if a term is more general in nature, be sure to explain it as it pertains to American History.

Typically, for identification, ask yourself "**who was involved, what happened, what other essential term is it related to and why, where did it take place, etc.**" For significance, ask yourself "**why is this important for the course, what is the outcome, what does it lead to, etc.**" - choose terms that you truly need to review again, not ones you already know.

* Nixon Pardon
* Helsinki Accords
* Jimmy Carter
* Malaise Speech
* Panama Canal Treaty of 1977
* Camp David Accords
* Iran Hostage Crisis
* Three Mile Island
* New Right
* Moral Majority
* Reaganomics
* Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)
* Sandra Day O’Connor
* Clarence Thomas
* Deregulation
* Geraldine Ferraro
* Collapse of the Soviet Union: Glasnot, Perestroika
* INF Treaty ( Intermediate-Range Nuclear Treaty)
* Election of 1992
* Tiananmen Square
* Iran Contra Scandal
* Persian Gulf War
* Operation Desert Storm
* Whip Inflation Now (WIN)
* Mayaguez Incident
* National Energy Act
* Univ. Of California v. Bakke
* Human Rights (Carter Foreign Policy)
* Invasion of Afghanistan
* SALT II
* Election of 200
* 90’s Terrorism
* Conflict in Kosovo
* NAFTA
* Contract with America
* Election of 1996
* Clinton Impeachment
* Election of 2000
* 911
* IRAQ War & WMD
* Patriot Act
* Obama Care

**Essential Questions**

Answer the following questions in 3-5 complete sentences. Any plagiarized material will not be accepted. Academic students may pick any 3 to answer; Honors students must answer 5 questions. Try to use as many of your vocabulary words in your answer as possible.

1. How did Watergate help to shape American politics and society in the subsequent decades?
2. How did economic problems of the 1970s present unique challenges to the Nixon, Ford, and Carter administrations? Why the 1970s often are referred to as the decade of malaise?
3. To what extent was Reagan’s election a true revolution? Did the economic policies of Ronald Reagan strengthen or weaken the United States?
4. How did the international role of the US change after the end of the Cold War?
5. How did the conflicts such as Iran Hostage Crisis, Persian Gulf War, and 911 of the modern era in the United States result in political, international, and social change?
6. What led to the Collapse of the Cold War? Did the United States win the Cold War? Is the United States safer after the end of the Cold War? How has U.S. foreign policy changed as a result of the end of the Cold War?

7. What were the causes and impact of the Gulf War on U.S. foreign policy and the Middle East?

8. How was Clinton able to succeed in the conservative atmosphere of the Contract with America era? What were Clinton's failures/successes?

9. How did the 2000 presidential election show America as a divided nation?

10. How has the United States reacted to international terrorism? Why is our involvement in Iraq a major item of debate both at home and abroad?