Advanced Placement United States History
Chapter Thirty-Nine Study Guide pp. 933-956.
The American Pageant

Before reading the chapter, be sure to preview your reading. Look at the headings, pictures, graphs, charts, maps, and cartoons. Read captions carefully. Take care to address "Key Terms" and "People to Know". This strategy will aid you in your reading comprehension.

1. Describe Ronald Reagan as a candidate in 1980.
2. Why were many Democrats in opposition to Carter as the incumbent candidate? Was he eventually chosen? Why?
3. What was the result of the election of 1980?
4. Describe Reagan as president. What were his policies?
5. Explain Reagan's economic plan (including supply-side economics).
6. Explain Reagan's position towards the Soviet Union.
7. Explain "Star Wars".
8. Describe Middle Eastern relations in the 1980s. What was the US's role?
9. What happened in Lebanon in 1983?
10. What were Reagan's polices towards Central America (Nicaragua, El Salvador, Grenada)?
11. Describe the election of 1984. Who were the candidates? What was the outcome?
12. Who became Soviet leader in 1985? What were his policies?
13. What happened in the four summit meetings between the US and USSR?
14. Explain Iran-Contra.
15. What was Reagan's economic legacy?
16. What was the role of religion in American politics in the 1980s?
17. How did the Supreme Court grow more conservative in the 1980s?
18. What evidence led many Americans to believe the Democrats would regain control of government after Reagan?
19. Who were the "Seven Dwarfs"?
20. What happened in the election of 1988?
21. Describe George H.W. Bush.
22. Describe the end of the Cold War.
23. What happened in Panama in 1989? Kuwait in 1990?
24. How did the US respond to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait?
25. Describe Bush's domestic policies.
26. Read Varying Viewpoints on p. 954.