

Ronald Reagan & America in the 1980s, part 2

19.2: Reagan and Foreign Policy

Essential Question: What were Reagan's contributions to American foreign policy in the 80s?

III. Ronald Reagan and Foreign Policy

A. Reagan wanted to restore U.S. foreign policy

What happened to America's reputation with other countries around the world during the 70s?	
What did Reagan want to do to change that reputation?	
What were Reagan's main foreign policy goals in the 1980s?	
SUMMARIZE THIS SECTION:	

B. Middle East

What was Reagan's response to the growing problem of terrorism in the Middle East?	
SUMMARIZE THIS SECTION:	

C. Latin America

How did Reagan attempt to confront the growing threat of Communism in Latin America?	
SUMMARIZE THIS SECTION:	

D. The Iran-Contra Affair

What “deal” did the Reagan administration come up with to try to solve the terrorism problem AND the threat of communism?

Why was this deal illegal?

How did Reagan avoid getting blamed for the scandal?

SUMMARIZE THIS SECTION:

CNN’s The Eighties: “[The Reagan Revolution](#),” part 2 (20:35-end)

1. Explain the Reagan administration’s efforts in Central America in the context of the Cold War.

2. What was happening in the Middle East during the 80s, and why did the administration respond the way it did?

3. Explain the major factors that helped Reagan sweep to overwhelming victory in 1984.

4. Describe and explain the issues involved in the Iran-Contra Scandal.

5. Why do you think the Iran-Contra Scandal didn’t result in the same consequences as Watergate?

6. What impact and legacy did the Reagan presidency leave on American society?