



Honors' American History 1&2 (Reconstruction—Today)



Unit #6: "The U.S. of Awesome" Blue Book Review

Question 6-A

When asked about being President of the United States, Martin Van Buren, who served as the nation's eighth Commander-in-Chief from 1837-1841, commented, *"The two happiest days of my life were those upon my entrance upon the office... and my surrender of it."* Jimmy Carter, the 39th President from 1977-1981, said many years after he left office, *"My esteem in this country has gone up substantially. It is very nice now that when people wave at me, they use all of their fingers."* Without a doubt, the decisions, actions, and behavior of Presidents wind up under heavy media, public, and historical scrutiny. Of particular interest are a President's domestic and foreign policies. Every President who has ever sat in the Oval Office has had to deal with crises both at home and abroad. The way in which a President chooses to deal with any given crisis greatly reflects on the strength and character of that President. Some Presidents ignored developing problems or pushed them off on their successors. Others chose to tackle them head on. Select six Presidents that have served *after* President Franklin D. Roosevelt and examine one domestic and one foreign issue for each. Make sure to discuss how how/why the President was elected (or became President), the key domestic and foreign issues they faced, the impact their decisions had on the U.S. (both at the time and down the road), and how these decisions impacted the President's legacy in office.

Question 6-B

There are no additional questions for the Unit #6 Blue Book.

Question 6-C

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