

Guided Reading Activity

The Resurgence of Conservatism, 1980-1992

Lesson 2 *The Reagan Years*

Review Questions: Recording Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How Statements

Directions: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: Reagan's life experiences influenced his becoming a conservative.

1. What experiences shifted him toward conservatism?

2. Why did Reagan appeal to social conservatives?

B. Main Idea: Reagan's economic policies became known as Reaganomics.

1. What is supply-side economics?

2. Why did Reagan cut government programs?

3. What parts of the economy did Reagan deregulate?

C. Main Idea: Reagan's new foreign policy with the Soviet Union was "peace through strength."

1. What did Reagan think would cause the Soviet Union to collapse?

2. Why did the Reagan Doctrine involve the United States in foreign lands?

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- 3. How did Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative, or “Star Wars,” lead to renewed talks with the Soviet Union?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did Reagan believe his domestic and foreign policies would cause the U.S. to prosper?

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