Guided Reading Activity

Obama and Beyond 2008–Present

Lesson 3 Obama's Domestic Policy Challenges

Review Questions: Outlining

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Polarized Politics

- A. During times of recession, the _____ grows wider.
- B. Slow wage growth and continued unemployment had the hardest impact on those with ______ and

_____ incomes.

C. The movement known as _____ protested economic _____, tax _____ for the wealthy,

and corporate _____.

D. During the 2010 midterm election, some candidates endorsed by the ______ won seats in Congress.

E. The ______ between the Republicans and Democrats in Congress kept either party from

effecting _____.

- F. In 2012, the Supreme Court struck down parts of the _____. The Court ruled that limiting marriage deprived people of their _____ rights.
- G. In 2008, the Supreme Court ruled that the Second Amendment of the Constitution gives individuals the right to own _____.

II. Social and Racial Unrest

A. After Michael Brown was shot and killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, mass protests about

the unequal treatment of ______ by local police departments sparked a great deal of anger.

B. An organization of protesters called themselves _____, using the hashtag symbol of a popular social media Web site.

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C. In June 2015, a young white man shot and killed nine African Americans at a church in Charleston, South

Carolina. Because of the shooter's connection to _____ activity, protests focused on the public

presence of the Civil War era Confederate _____, which flew on the grounds of the South Carolina

state capitol building in Columbia.

D. In the aftermath of mass shootings, Obama called on Congress to pass legislation strengthening

_____ policies.

E. Gun control became one of many issues in the _____.

F. The race for the Democratic nomination narrowed to a struggle between ______ and _____.

Summary and Reflection

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

Why was Obama unable to persuade legislators in Congress to strengthen gun control laws? How do recent Supreme Court rulings about the Second Amendment influence gun control?