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The Century: America's Time (1980-1989) A Brave New World

Directions: Answer the questions below while watching the video provided.

1. Did America win or lose the Communist war in Vietnam? What happened in 1975?
2. What was the economic and social state of the United States at the end of the 1970s? How did Ronald Reagan change that "image" the U.S. had of itself?
3. What did Regan represent for America? How did he make the American people feel?
4. Regan's first agenda item was to "fix" the American economy. What was the name of the plan he planned to put into place?
5. What specific drug was introduced in 1983 to the American inner cities? What did this do to the inner city population?
6. What was a "yuppie" how were they different then the population found in the American inner cities?
7. What were corporate raiders? What were their targets?
8. Explain the story of *FoodCraft, Inc.* What was the final fate of the company?
9. What were some of the concerns expressed about new technologies, such as the computer, in American society?
10. What was the goal of Steve Jobs? What "micro" piece of technology enabled this opportunity?

11. What happened on January 28th 1986? What was unique about the weather on this day? How did this contribute to the event that took place on this day?
12. Describe the different ways TV was used to influence groups in American society.
13. What was Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome? What was the “social belief” behind the cause for this virus?
14. By 1985 how many people died from the virus discussed above? By 1989 how many had died?
15. What was the goal of Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)? List some of the achievements of the plan.
16. What happened on board the TWA flight 289 headed to Athens, Greece? What were the demands of the forces on board the airplane?
17. Who was Ayatollah Khomeini? What was his connection to the United States concerning arms (weapons) sales?
18. Who was Mikhail Gorbachev? What does the term *glasnost* mean? What did this mean for Gorbachev’s people?
19. Why did events turn for the worst in Tiananmen Square (China) on June 4th 1989 involving Chinese students? What did this event help to bring to light via media coverage?
20. Why is November 9th 1989 an important date for Germany and the world?