Chapter Summary

A Time of Change, 1980–2000

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
How have improvements in science and technology helped change society? How have immigration, technology, and global trade changed the world?

This chapter evaluates the successes and failures of the Clinton presidency, and examines how immigration and globalization changed the U.S. politically, culturally, and economically.

The Clinton Years
• Clinton raised taxes to reduce the deficit.
• Health care reform failed.
• The AmeriCorps Program was created.
• The Brady Bill was passed.
• Republican leaders created the “Contract with America.”
• Republicans and Clinton clash over the federal budget.
• In 1996 Congress passed health and welfare reforms.
• A popular Clinton was reelected.
• Tax credits are offered to students and parents.
• The House impeached Clinton.
• Haiti’s government failed, America invaded, and troops served as peacekeepers.
• Clinton works for peace in Bosnia and Kosovo.
• Relationships between certain states and groups in the Middle East experienced strains.

In 1996 more resources were allocated to stop illegal immigration.
• After 9/11 the Patriot Act was, which included immigration controls, passed.
• Latino and Asian populations in the United States grew.
• Immigration reform became a top priority and divided the country.

Technology and Globalization
• The first digital electronic computer was called ENIAC.
• Noyce designed the first integrated circuit.
• Microprocessors made computers smaller and faster.
• Wozniak and Jobs founded Apple.
• Intense competition was sparked between Apple and IBM.
• People began to telecommute in the late 1990’s.
• Congress passed the Telecommunications Act in 1996.
• Digital technology made it possible to miniaturize many devices.
• Computer chips connected different products to computers.
• The dot-com economy began.
• Amazon, Google, and Yahoo were created.

The New Wave of Immigration
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- Online communities developed.
- The internet linked the world, furthering the development of “globalism.”
- In 1994, NAFTA was ratified.
- In 1993, the European Union was created, with a common bank note, the “Euro.”
- APEC was formed.
- In 1994 WTO was formed.
- The United States opened new trade agreements.
- Environmental issues and global warming created debates.
- The United States withdrew from signing the Kyoto Protocol in 2001.