Lesson 3 Domestic Challenges


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

A. Main Idea: The Bush administration’s policies led to debate over the balance between security and liberty in the United States.

1. **What** factors weakened Bush’s approval ratings?
   
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2. **Why** did Bush win reelection?
   
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3. **What** was the Bush administration’s response to the Supreme Court’s decision regarding prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay?
   
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4. **Why** was wiretapping domestic telephone calls made to overseas locations controversial?
   
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B. Main Idea: During President Bush’s second term, the Republicans faced political scandals, an ongoing war, and a natural disaster that led to the Democrats gaining control of Congress in the 2006 midterm elections.

1. **Why** did the government not respond more quickly to Hurricane Katrina?
   
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2. **Whom** did Bush appoint to the Supreme Court?
   
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3. Why did Congress have trouble controlling spending?
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4. Why did a number of investment banking firms go bankrupt?
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Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.
What domestic issues made President Bush’s second term particularly challenging?
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