Guided Reading Activity

The Resurgence of Conservatism, 1980–1992

Lesson 1 The New Conservatism

Review Questions: Outlining
DIRECTIONS: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Liberalism and Conservatism
A. Liberals believe that the ________________ should regulate the ________________ . They also believe it should help ________________ through ________________ and putting more of the tax burden on the ________________ .
B. Liberals believe the government should intervene in the ________________ but not in ________________ .
C. Conservatives believe that government regulation of the ________________ should be limited and that ________________ is the most effective economic system.
D. Conservatives believe that the majority of ________________ can be solved by commitment to religious faith and other private efforts. They oppose ________________ and ________________ that redistribute ________________ .

II. Conservatism Revives
A. Conservatism revived because some Americans believed that liberal ________________ ideas were leading the country toward ________________ . Some people also viewed the Cold War in ________________ terms, seeing the struggle against communism as a struggle between ________________ and ________________ .
B. Another reason for the revival of conservatism was that a young Republican named ________________ started a new magazine called the ________________ and founded a group called ________________ . This new conservative movement helped enable ________________ to become the Republican nominee in 1964.
C. Many conservatives split their votes between the two parties. However, when many Americans moved to the ________________ and ________________ , the area known as the ________________ , they began voting ________________ in large numbers. Both areas resented the ________________ that could interfere with the area’s growth or restrict the use of natural resources. This region lessened the political power of the ________________ region.
D. Many Americans were drawn to conservatism because they thought society had lost touch with ________________ . The largest group was the ________________ . Their ministries were able to reach millions through ________________ . Televangelists helped build a substantial group known as the ________________ .
Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.
How do liberals and conservatives differ in their ideas about the economy and government?
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