Lesson 2 The Reagan Years


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

A. Main Idea: Reagan’s life experiences influenced his becoming a conservative.

1. **What** experiences shifted him toward conservatism?

2. **Why** did Reagan appeal to social conservatives?

B. Main Idea: Reagan’s economic policies became known as Reaganomics.

1. **What** is supply-side economics?

2. **Why** did Reagan cut government programs?

3. **What** parts of the economy did Reagan deregulate?

C. Main Idea: Reagan’s new foreign policy with the Soviet Union was “peace through strength.”

1. **What** did Reagan think would cause the Soviet Union to collapse?

2. **Why** did the Reagan Doctrine involve the United States in foreign lands?
3. How did Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative, or “Star Wars,” lead to renewed talks with the Soviet Union?

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Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.
How did Reagan believe his domestic and foreign policies would cause the U.S. to prosper?

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