

# Crash Course Video Questions for Periods 8&9: 1945-

## The Cold War: Crash Course US History #37

1. Why is the Cold War "cold" AND to what extent is it appropriate to refer to it as a war?

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2. What were the actual wars during the Cold War, what was sought by the 2, AND what are the dates?

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3. What did the Cold War give us that was "growing" AND what did it change?

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4. Copy Faulkner's Nobel Prize quote.

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5. At the end of WWII what did the U.S. need? And the Soviets were concerned with...?

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6. At the end of WWII, what did the Soviets encourage AND why did they do this?

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7. How did the U.S. interpret the Soviet actions AND what is the U.S. response, it's author, & define it?

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8. What are the 4 goals of containment?


9. Where was the first real test, why is this region strategic, AND What did Truman announce with the quote?

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**The Cold War in Asia: Crash Course US History #38**

1. When was the Korean War fought, what is it sometimes called, AND how is this a "first"?

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2. Contrast North and South Korea, what type of war was this between the two, AND how costly?

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3. How did this war become international AND why did the U.S. respond?

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4. Who did Truman go to and who didn't he go to AND how is this not a war and what is it?

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5. What are 4 effects of the Korean War?


6. What is the significance of the Mystery document AND why did it fall on deaf ears to the U.S.?

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7. Explain the "domino theory" AND what had happened in the not to distant past that to shape the theory?

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8. What's the "great incident", what's LBJ's quoted response, AND why is this considered a "great incident"?

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9. Describe the draftees AND how was this different than previous wars?

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10. What were the 2 parts of Nixon's plan with Vietnam?

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11. What are the costs and effects of the war?

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### Civil Rights and the 1950s: Crash Course US History #39

1. What has the 1950s been called AND what are the 2 reasons why it's called this?


2. Describe the economic expansion between 1946-1960.

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3. Why is the 1950s referred to as the "era of suburbanization" AND describe Levittown?

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4. What effect did suburbanization have on car ownership AND did this "car culture" change how we lived?

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5. Who were the critics of consensus AND their criticisms?


6. Describe the difficulties that African Americans faced in the 1950s.

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7. When do most think the Civil Rights Movement began AND when did it begin?

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8. What was the NAACP's strategy AND who led it?

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9. What is the significance of the Mystery document AND who is its author?

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10. How did the South respond to the decision in Brown?

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11. How was Rosa Parks experienced, who will emerge as the leader, AND how was the bus boycott a success?

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12. What did the fed. gov't show at Little Rock AND by the end of the 1950s, just how integrated is the U.S.?

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# The 1960s in America: Crash Course US History #40

1. Why were the '60s an "important time"?

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2. What did the 1960s "see", what did this include, AND what overshadowed all others?

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3. What actions were taken in the Civil Rights Movement in 1960 and 61 AND how were they successes?

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4. What role did TV play in the Civil Rights Movement AND what was gained in the Birmingham protest?

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5. What was MLK seeking in his March on Washington AND what was the result?

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6. What was LBJ's "Great Society" AND summarize Foner's take on the Great Society?

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7. What were signs of the growing frustration of African Americans with the goal of integration?

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8. What effects did the anti-war & civil rights movements have on Latinos, Native Americans, and gays?

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9. What is the significance of *Silent Spring*, the Mystery document AND what were the effects of this book?

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10. How AND why did women organize?

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11. Explain how Supreme Court decisions "greatly expanded the protections of people accused of crimes".

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### The Rise of Conservatism: Crash Course US History #41

1. What were the 2 strands of conservatism AND what were they hostile towards?


2. What did Goldwater, the Republican presidential candidate in 1964, demand AND lambast?

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3. What was the result AND significance of the Election of 1964?

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4. How did Nixon win the Election of 1968 AND what is the "Southern Strategy"?


5. Describe the big gov't programs that began in Nixon's presidency AND how/why were these passed at this time?

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6. Who did Nixon appoint as Chief Justice to the USCT and why AND how was this appointee a disappointment?

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7. What evidence supports the Republican belief that traditional family values were deteriorating?

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8. Why were conservatives opposed to Title IX and the ERA amendment?

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8. What was CREEP, who were the Plumbers, and what "ultimately doomed" Nixon?

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9. What did the Church committee conclude AND what was their evidence?

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10. What was the clear signal that the scandals sent Republicans?


### **Ford, Carter, and the Economic Malaise: Crash Course US History #42**

1. What's the big story of the 1970s AND what did we get instead?

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2. Why was there a gradual decline in manufacturing in the U.S. AND what effect did it have on exports?

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3. How were unions AND northern cities affected by this decline?

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4. Describe the 2 oil shocks and their causes AND the effects of both on the U.S. economy.

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5. What's Ford's only memorable domestic program AND to what extent was it successful?

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6. What are the un-New Deal Democrat actions of Carter?


7. What's are the main points of Carter's Crisis of Confidence speech AND what was the public response to it?

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8. What was Carter's greatest foreign policy accomplishment AND why?

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9. What was Carter's greatest foreign policy failure AND what led to the failure?

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10. What is the Carter doctrine AND what prompted its issuance?

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ shocks and inevitable systemic changes led to the poor economy and that weakened support for \_\_\_\_\_ liberalism and increased the appeal of \_\_\_\_\_ ideas like lower \_\_\_\_\_, reduced \_\_\_\_\_ and cuts in \_\_\_\_\_. All of which, for the record, started under the Democrat Jimmy Carter, not the Republican \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Reagan Revolution: Crash Course US History #43

1. What 4 beliefs did Reagan "emphasize"?


2. What 4 groups made up the coalition that helped to elect Reagan?


3. What were the parts to Reagan's Economic Bill of Rights AND describe the part that actually happened?




4. What is the significance of the Mystery document?

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5. What are the 3 names for the idea that lowering taxes is the best way to spur economic growth AND what's the rationale?


6. Did Reagan's Economic work? How do different political perspectives respond?

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7. The 80s saw a rise in what AND how great is it?

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8. How might Reagan be considered a conservative today? AND a moderate today?

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9. What evidence suggests that the 80s also didn't see the fulfillment of the desires of the Christian Right?

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10. What steps did Reagan take to end the Cold War?

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11. Explain the "biggest controversy in Reagan's presidency"?

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**George HW Bush and the End of the Cold War: Crash Course US History #44**

1. Describe the candidates AND the 1988 campaign.

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2. Describe the "U.S. policy limbo" after the end of the Cold War AND the "one positive result".

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3. Describe "the foreign-policy crisis that Bush handled decisively".

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4. What's the significance of the Mystery document?

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5. Describe 3 New Deal style bills that were passed by the Democratically controlled Congress.


6. What were the 3 possible causes of the recession that began in 1990 AND 3 effects?

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7. What probably destroyed Bush's reelection hopes, explain why he lost, AND what's his famous quote?

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8. Who were the 3 candidates in the 1992 election AND what was the significance of the election?

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**The Clinton Years, or the 1990s: Crash Course US History #45**

1. What were 2 successes and failures of Clinton's foreign policy?


2. Describe the 2 domestic agenda items that led to the Republicans gaining control of both the House & Senate in 1994?


3. What were 5 promises in the Republican "Contract with America" AND what did it lead?


4. Explain Clinton's "triangulation" and co-opting AND the "obvious example" quote.

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5. What did Clinton do with regards to welfare AND why did Democrats see his actions as a betrayal?

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6. In Clinton's president, what happened to the economy, the evidence, and why?

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7. What were the positive & negative effects of "the longest period of economic expansion in American history"?

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8. What were the effects of immigration from 1965-2000 AND in particular with Latinos?

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9. Describe the status of marriage, gays and lesbians, and the War on Drugs.

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10. Describe what led to the impeachment of Clinton AND the effects of the impeachment.

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### Terrorism, War, and Bush 43: Crash Course US History #46

1. In the Election of 2000, Bush was running as a "compassionate conservative" and relying on what 2 groups for support?

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2. Who won the popular vote, what was the USCT ruling in Bush v Gore, AND what was weird?

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3. In the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 days, list 5 of Bush's actions.


4. What effect did 9/11 have on Bush's domestic policy?

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5. Define the Bush Doctrine AND its "ultimate goals".

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6. "The 2003 invasion of Iraq by the United States was predicated on what two ideas?"


7. Through 2006, what have been the costs of the war in Iraq?

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8. What is the Patriot Act AND what were its immediate effects?

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9. What did Bush authorize the NSA to do?

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10. What's wrong with the economy in the 2004 election year, why, AND its extent?

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11. How did Hurricane Katrina affect the 2006 midterm elections?

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12. What were the results of the 2006 midterm elections?

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**Obamanation: Crash Course US History #47**

1. What were 2 causes of the "financial fartstorm" of 2008?


2. What were the effects when banks stopped lending money?

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3. What did the Bush Administration do to stop the damage AND why was it unpopular?

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4. What are 3 reasons why the Bush years looked like the Hoover years?


5. Why was Obama's election a political watershed?

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6. What's the significance of the Mystery document?

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7. What did Obama promise and want?


8. How has Obama done, the good and bad?

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9. What has been the response to Obama's administration?

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