

## Ch. 38 Reading Guide: Challenges to the Postwar Order (pg. 911-931)

### Learning Targets

**Target #1:** I can identify and describe changes in post-World War II America including: global leadership struggles and foreign policy tensions, liberal movements to expand the role of the federal government, progress toward civil rights, and economic and demographic changes.

**Target #2:** I can analyze the effects of the following post-World War II changes on American society, politics, and the economy: global leadership struggles and foreign policy tensions, liberal movements to expand the role of the federal government, progress toward civil rights, and economic and demographic changes.

### Big Ideas:

- Due to the scandalous events that followed the Election of 1972, the American public had lost faith in its governmental leaders.
- The economic growth and coupled prosperity that Americans experienced after WW2, came to an abrupt end in the 1970s...and for the first time a generation had a lower standard of living than their parents.
- The relative inexperience of America's presidents in the 1970s showed in both the domestic sphere and foreign policy as tensions mounted in areas that felt Anti-American sentiment.
- Progress for civil rights and equality of the 50s, 60s, and 70s, was not without opposition and even rolled back in the 70s as former initiatives were struck down by the Supreme Court and conservative groups.
- The radical social and political period of the Sixties, combined with the depressed 70s economy, brought about a larger push back by conservative groups and political leaders to adjust America's economic policies and governmental role.

**Prediction Statement (50 words or less):** What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

### Key Questions:

#### Watergate and the Unmaking of a President (pg. 911-914)

Know: Richard Nixon, Watergate Scandal, "smoking gun tapes"

**1. Briefly explain what the Watergate scandal was...AND the role of President Nixon in this federal debacle?**

#### Sources of Stagnation (pg. 914-915)

Know: 'Stagflation'

**2. Briefly explain a variety of factors that contributed to a decline in America production levels during the 1970s? (Consider 3-4 reasons)**

#### The First Unelected President (pg. 915-916)

Know: Gerald Ford

**3. For what reasons was Gerald Ford generally seen as an unpopular president?**

<p><b><u>Feminist Victories and Defeats</u></b> <b><u>(pg. 918-924)</u></b> Know: Roe v Wade, Equal Rights Amendment</p> <p><b>4. What victories (improvements) did women see in the realm of equality?</b></p> <p><b>5. Why did the women’s movement for equality face opposition to women’s equality and expansion of rights?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>The Seventies in Black &amp; White</u></b> <b><u>(pg. 924-925)</u></b> Know: Affirmative Action, Milliken v Bradley, Thurgood Marshall</p> <p><b>6. How had racial progress made in the Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s been “rolled back” in the 1970s?</b></p> <p><b>7. As a result of numerous protests and court decisions, what changed for native Americans who had previously been pushed to assimilate into U.S. society?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Economic and Energy Woes + The Turn Toward the Market (pg. 927-928)</u></b> Know: malaise speech, oil crisis, “neoconservatives”</p> <p><b>8. In what ways was America’s economy experiencing a ‘malaise’?</b></p> <p><b>9. What policies/platform did “neoconservatives” respond with to solve America’s depression? (consider economic, social, and political goals)</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Foreign Affairs &amp; the Iranian Imbrolio</u></b> <b><u>(pg. 930-931)</u></b> Know: SALT II, Iranian Revolution, hostage crisis</p> <p><b>10. Considering the global events in 1979, why had SALT II diluted into a “dead letter”?</b></p> <p><b>11. Despite the economic woes of the 70s, why was Carter’s handling of the Iranian hostage crisis the “nail in the coffin” for possible re-election?</b></p>	

## Summary Exit Ticket:

### **SAQ (no stimulus): American Public Opinion** (3 parts)

**#1. Briefly explain ONE historical event in the realm of U.S. foreign policy that resulted in the decline of public confidence in the United States government during the 1970s.**

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**#2. Briefly explain ONE historical event in the realm of the U.S. economy that resulted in the decline of public confidence in the United States government during the 1970s.**

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**#3. Briefly explain ONE historical event in the realm of U.S. politics that resulted in the decline of public confidence in the United States government during the 1970s.**

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