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## Modern History Smash: 6th Grade US Eras Battle

Analyze the impact of the 1970s Iran Hostage Crisis, the 1980s Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, and the 21st-century rise of the Gig Economy.

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**1. In 1979, the Iran Hostage Crisis began, significantly damaging the presidency of Jimmy Carter. Why did this event shift the U.S. toward a more 'Hawkish' or aggressive foreign policy in the 1980s?**

- A. It proved that economic sanctions were more effective than military action.
- B. It created a public perception that the U.S. had become weak on the global stage.
- C. It led to an immediate and permanent alliance between Iran and the Soviet Union.
- D. It caused the U.S. to abandon all involvement in Middle Eastern diplomatic affairs.

**2. The 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger disaster led to a multi-year pause in the U.S. space program and forced a total redesign of NASA's safety protocols.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. The 1992 Los Angeles Riots broke out after a jury acquitted police officers involved in the beating of \_\_\_\_\_, highlighting deep-seated racial tensions in urban America.**

- A. George Floyd
- B. Rodney King
- C. Emmett Till
- D. Trayvon Martin

**4. How did the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) change the U.S. economy for many manufacturing workers in the Midwest?**

- A. It increased the minimum wage for all factory workers by 50%.
- B. It led to some factories moving to Mexico where labor was cheaper.
- C. It banned the import of any manufactured goods from Canada.
- D. It resulted in the U.S. government seizing private manufacturing plants.

**5. The 'Contract with America' was a list of conservative legislative goals released by Republicans during the 1994 midterm elections.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. The Patriot Act, passed shortly after the 9/11 attacks, remains a controversial piece of legislation. What is the primary ethical debate surrounding it?**

- A. It limited the President's ability to use the military in foreign wars.
- B. It forced all American citizens to join the military for two years.
- C. It balanced national security needs against the right to individual privacy.

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D. It prohibited the government from collecting any digital information.

**7. In the 2010s, the rise of the \_\_\_\_ transformed the U.S. workforce by allowing people to find short-term tasks or 'gigs' through apps like Uber or TaskRabbit.**

- A. Industrial Revolution
- B. Great Society
- C. Gig Economy
- D. Square Deal

**8. The 2010 Supreme Court case 'Citizens United v. FEC' significantly impacted U.S. elections. What was the core result of this ruling?**

- A. It limited the number of terms a Senator can serve in office.
- B. It allowed corporations and unions to spend unlimited money on political ads.
- C. It lowered the national voting age from 18 to 16 years old.
- D. It required all political candidates to be funded by the government.

**9. The 2000 Presidential Election between George W. Bush and Al Gore was the first in modern history to be decided by a Supreme Court ruling regarding a vote recount.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. The 2011 \_\_\_\_ movement began in New York's Zuccotti Park to protest economic inequality and the influence of big banks on the U.S. government.**

- A. Tea Party
- B. Occupy Wall Street
- C. Temperance
- D. Suffrage