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Modern Warfare: Your Mission to Decode the New American Era for 10th Grade

Examine the Iran Hostage Crisis, NAFTA's economic impact, and the Patriot Act's role in shifting civil liberties. Analyze how these events reshaped the U.S.

1. The 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis significantly damaged the presidency of Jimmy Carter. What was the primary motivation behind the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran?

- A. Protest against the U.S. allowing the former Shah to receive medical treatment
- B. Demands for the U.S. to withdraw from the Vietnam War
- C. Retaliation for the signing of the Camp David Accords
- D. Support for the Soviet invasion of neighboring Afghanistan

2. Passed in 1993, the ____ was a trade agreement intended to eliminate barriers between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

- A. NATO Alliance
- B. Kyoto Protocol
- C. NAFTA
- D. GATT Treaty

3. The 'Contract with America' was a legislative agenda released by the Republican Party during the 1994 midterm elections to promote smaller government.

- A. True
- B. False

4. How did the Patriot Act of 2001 represent a shift in the balance between national security and individual privacy?

- A. It strictly limited the FBI's power to conduct physical searches within the U.S.
- B. It expanded government surveillance powers, allowing for easier access to personal data
- C. It made it illegal for the government to intercept electronic communications
- D. It transferred military authority directly to the Department of Education

5. In the 1980s, the ____ scandal involved the secret sale of weapons to a foreign nation to fund anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua.

- A. Teapot Dome
- B. Iran-Contra
- C. Watergate
- D. Whitewater

6. Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court after being appointed by Ronald Reagan in 1981.

- A. True

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B. False

7. What was a primary environmental consequence of the 1989 Exxon Valdez incident in Alaska?

- A. The implementation of the first nationwide carbon tax
- B. A massive oil spill that led to stricter maritime pollution regulations
- C. The immediate closure of all nuclear power plants in the U.S.
- D. The discovery of a new species of deep-sea whale

8. The US-led intervention in the Balkans during the 1990s was primarily focused on stopping ethnic cleansing in ____.

- A. The Berlin Wall
- B. The Soviet Union
- C. Kosovo
- D. The Suez Canal

9. Which 1990s event is often cited as the first major domestic terrorism attack on a U.S. federal building by an American citizen?

- A. The Great Recession
- B. The Oklahoma City Bombing
- C. The LA Riots
- D. The Million Man March

10. The 'No Child Left Behind' Act of 2001 decreased the federal government's role in public education by removing standardized testing requirements.

- A. True
- B. False