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Shatter the Status Quo: A Gritty Modern US History 6th Grade Quest

Cross-cultural diplomacy, economic pivots, and digital revolutions – analyze the complex shifts that redefined America's global and domestic identity.

1. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter facilitated the Camp David Accords. Why was this considered a high-level diplomatic synthesis of conflicting regional interests?

- A. It established a permanent trade alliance between the US and China.
- B. It brokered a peaceful framework between long-term rivals Egypt and Israel.
- C. It ended the energy crisis by fixing global oil prices.
- D. It successfully de-escalated the Cold War through nuclear disarmament.

2. While the 1990s are known for the tech boom, the 1989 fall of the _____ symbolized the beginning of the end for the Cold War and the shift toward a unipolar global landscape.

- A. Great Wall
- B. Iron Curtain
- C. Berlin Wall
- D. Soviet Border

3. True or False: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 was a major legislative victory that mandated equal access in public spaces and employment.

- A. True
- B. False

4. How did the 1970s 'Stagflation' challenge previous economic theories about how the US government should manage a recession?

- A. It proved that the US could not survive without a gold standard.
- B. It featured high unemployment and high inflation simultaneously, which was previously thought impossible.
- C. It showed that technology would always solve economic downturns.
- D. It forced the US to stop trading with all European nations.

5. The 1992 election of the first woman of color to the US Senate, _____, represented a significant demographic shift in the legislative branch.

- A. Shirley Chisholm
- B. Carol Moseley Braun
- C. Sandra Day O'Connor
- D. Nancy Pelosi

6. True or False: The creation of the Department of Homeland Security was a direct organizational response to improve domestic coordination after the 9/11 attacks.

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- A. True
- B. False

7. Which 1990s environmental event led to the first major global agreement to protect the ozone layer, showing early international cooperation on climate issues?

- A. The Kyoto Protocol
- B. The Montreal Protocol
- C. The Clean Air Act Amendment
- D. The Yosemite Declaration

8. The Mars Pathfinder mission in 1997 utilized a robotic rover named _____, demonstrating how NASA moved toward cost-effective, high-tech planetary exploration.

- A. Curiosity
- B. Sojourner
- C. Spirit
- D. Opportunity

9. How did the 2010 'Arab Spring' movements interact with US social media technology to influence global politics?

- A. US companies banned users from discussing revolution.
- B. It led to a total shutdown of the internet across the United States.
- C. Protesters used US-based platforms to organize and share live updates, bypassing state media.
- D. The US government used social media to replace foreign leaders directly.

10. True or False: The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), signed in the 1990s, was designed to increase tariffs and trade barriers between the US and its neighbors.

- A. True
- B. False