
Brown vs. Board of
Education

1954 Supreme Court decision
that decides segregated
schools are unequal and must
desegregate

Civil Rights Act of 1964

prohibited discrimination
based on race, color, religion,
gender or national origin;
desegregated public
accommodations

glasnost

policy of "openness" initiated by
Gorbachev in the 1980s that
provided increased opportunities
for freedom of speech and the press
in the Soviet Union

John Glenn

Who was the 1st
American to orbit
the Earth?

Jonas Salk

Who developed a
lifesaving vaccine
for polio?

judicial restraint

a philosophy that the Supreme Court should avoid constitutional questions when possible and uphold acts of Congress unless they clearly violate a specific section of the Constitution.

March on Washington

1963 nonviolent, mass protest, helped influence public opinion to support civil rights legislation; site of the "I Have a Dream" speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marshall Plan

a U.S. program that provided financial assistance to European countries destroyed by WWII

massive resistance

policy adopted by VA state governments following the decision of Brown v. Board of Education to attempt to block the desegregation of schools

massive retaliation

a United States policy adopted during the Eisenhower administration, threatened the use of nuclear weapons in response to Soviet aggression against another country

McCarthyism

the making of false
accusations of communism,
based on rumor or guilt by
association

NAFTA

North American Free Trade
Association; trade agreement
between the United States, Canada
and Mexico, that eliminated tariffs to
encourage economic activity between
the 3 countries in the 1990s

NATO

North Atlantic Treaty
Organization; formed to
provide a defensive alliance to
protect Western Europe against
an invasion by the Soviet Union

Neil Armstrong

Who was the 1st
American to step
onto the surface
of the moon?

occupation

the act of taking
possession of a place or
area

offshoring

moving operations from the country where a company is headquartered to a country where pay rates are lower but the necessary skills are available.

Operation Desert Storm

American-led attack on Iraq during the Persian Gulf War; first time U.S. used women in combat positions

outsourcing

contracting with another company, usually abroad, to have it perform an activity the organization previously performed itself

Patriot Act

controversial law passed in the U.S. after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; expands the power of the U.S. government to intervene in acts of possible terrorism

perestroika

a policy of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to revitalize the Soviet economy by opening it up to more free enterprise

Truman Doctrine

U.S. pledge to resist the spread of communism worldwide

Vietnamization

Nixon's plan to withdraw American troops from Vietnam and replace them with U.S.-supplied South Vietnamese forces, ultimately unsuccessful

Voting Rights Act of 1965

outlawed literacy tests, sent federal registrars to the South to register voters, and led to an increase in African American voters

Warsaw Pact

an alliance of Soviet and East European countries, was a response to NATO

Reaganomics

Economic policies
of Ronald Reagan

- tax cuts
- increased Military spending
- decreased social spending

Sally Ride

Who was the
first American
woman in space?

Sandra Day O'Connor

Who was the
first woman
appointed to the
Supreme Court?

self-government

A government in which
the people take an active
role in making laws and
decisions

Thurgood Marshall

leader of the NAACP's legal defense
team during Brown v. Board of
Education; later became the first
African American Supreme Court
justice