

9.1 Contextualizing Period 9

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Total: 13 marks

Objective

Build the skills to write the **context** 背景 for 1980 to the present.

You must be able to:

- state the CED's three key concepts for the period
- state what the conservative movement achieved and continued to do
- name the three kinds of change the nation experienced
- state what forced a redefinition of foreign policy

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Three key concepts

KC-9.1: a newly ascendant conservative movement achieved several political and policy goals during the 1980s **and continued to strongly influence public discourse in the following decades**. **KC-9.2:** moving into the 21st century, the nation experienced significant technological, economic and demographic changes. **KC-9.3:** the end of the Cold War and new challenges to U.S. leadership **forced the nation to redefine its foreign policy and role in the world**.

■ Achieved and continued

Two claims: policy goals in one decade, and influence on **public discourse** for decades afterwards. Winning the argument outlasts winning the election.

■ Three changes

Technological, economic and demographic. 9.4 covers the first two and 9.5 the third.

■ Redefinition

The Cold War had supplied the organising purpose of American foreign policy since 8.2. Its end removed the frame, which is why the CED says the nation was **forced** to redefine.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED's three key concepts for the period. [3]

2.2 State the two claims KC-9.1 makes about the conservative movement. [2]

2.3 Foreign policy required redefinition.

(a) State why. [2]

(b) Name the three kinds of change the nation experienced. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 KC-9.1 says the conservative movement continued to strongly influence [1]

- **A** public discourse
- **B** foreign armies
- **C** the Soviet Union
- **D** nothing after 1990

3.2 The CED's verb about redefining foreign policy is [1]

- **A** forced
- **B** invited
- **C** discouraged
- **D** prevented

3.3 A rivalry that organised policy for forty years ends.

(a) State the immediate problem. [1]

(b) Explain why this is harder than it sounds.

[2]

4 Go further

- work through the **9.1 Contextualizing Period 9** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Period 9: 1980-Present** section of the AP US History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 an ascendant conservative movement achieving policy goals in the 1980s and continuing to influence public discourse; significant technological, economic and demographic changes; the end of the Cold War and new challenges forcing a redefinition of foreign policy.

2.2 it achieved several political and policy goals during the 1980s and continued to strongly influence public discourse in the following decades.

2.3 (a) the Cold War had supplied the organising purpose of foreign policy, and its end removed the frame. (b) technological, economic and demographic.

3.1 A. public discourse.

3.2 A. forced.

3.3 (a) the purpose that organised policy no longer exists. (b) institutions, alliances and habits were built around that purpose, so a new frame must be argued for rather than simply adopted.