

APUSH TERMS 1296-1335

1296. *Closing of America's Mind* by Allan Bloom, 1987

Number one best seller for four months that criticized the state of America's universities and American society in general. He stated that the prized literature of Western Society had been devalued as not having wisdom. He derided modern liberal philosophy called relativism for having placed the great books of Western thought as the rambling of dead white men rather than beacons of light in a dark world.

1297. Black Monday, October 19, 1987

The largest one day percentage decline in stock market history. The Dow Jones dropped 508 points to 1738 on Monday, October 19, 1987. The crash that triggered the Great Depression was larger in terms of the points dropped, but if looked at the percentage, this crash was much bigger. Black Monday (1987) dropped 22.5% while Black Tuesday (1929) dropped only 12.8%

1298. Alan Greenspan

An American economist who was chairman of the Federal Reserve Board from 1987 to 2006. He is celebrated for his handling of Black Monday and the Dot com boom and bust.

1299. Indian Gaming Regulation Act, 1988

This act regulated the Indian gaming industry and provided federal protection for Indian gaming as a way of providing revenue for Indian tribes.

1300. Family Support Act of 1988

Required high school mothers who received federal money to remain in high school and live with their parents. The act also lowered the number of families allowed on federal support, forced families on welfare to do community service and provided transitional benefits for those who no longer qualify for benefits.

1301. “Read my lips, no new taxes!”

Pledge made by George H.W. Bush Sr. during the 1988 election campaign. He fought with a democratically controlled Congress for two years before finally compromising with Democrats and raised taxes. His reversal created general public distrust and his opponents used his sound bite extensively in the 1992 election.

1302. Tiananmen Square

As communism collapsed in the Soviet Union and across Eastern Europe, the Chinese government relaxed its control on the economy. Chinese students take to the streets and hold demonstrations for democracy. In June, 1989 the government brutally crushed the protestors and infamously ran a tank over one protestor who refused to get out of the path of the tank.

1303. Generation X or the “13th Generation”

Originally use in Great Britain, but did not catch on until 1989 when describing the birth rate between 1964 and 1977 or the “13th generation” of American since Benjamin Franklin’s generation (the earliest date is 1961 and the latest date is 1981). Moreover it described the generation that came of age during the Vietnam War, saw the PC created and grew up during the

presidency of Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. *Think Mr. Grover's and Miss Cooper's generation!!!*

1304. Act Up

Aids Coalition to Unleash Power; formed in 1987 with the cause of stopping the disease of AIDS. Tactics included physical protests bordering on violence

1305. Manuel Noriega

Noriega was the de-facto leader in Panama and worked with the CIA from the 1950s until 1989 when the DEA charged him with drug trafficking (the US had looked the other way for many years because he supported the US). The US invaded the Panama Canal Zone and after a tense four month standoff using psychological warfare extradited Noriega to the US where he was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

1306. *Martin v Wilks* (1989)

Court case challenging race based hiring practices. Qualified white firefighters were being passed over for promotion in favor of less qualified minority firefighters to promote racial diversity. The Supreme Court voted in favor of the white firefighters.

1307. *Webster v Reproductive Health Services* (1989)

Missouri passed a law declaring that the “life of each human being begins at conception” and “unborn children have protectable interests in life, health and well-being.” Furthermore the law placed restrictions on when abortions were allowed and the use of state funds for abortions. The Supreme Court upheld the law because *Roe v Wade* did not cover these specific areas.

1308. Mikhail Gorbachev

Last leader of the Soviet Union from 1988 to 1991.

1309. Glasnost

Russian for “openness.” Gorbachev’s policy of allowing more freedom of religion and speech.

1310. Perestroika

Russian for “restructuring.” Gorbachev’s policy of restructuring the communist economic system.

It allowed for some private enterprise and profit making.

1311. Cold War Ends

Glasnost spread to Eastern Europe and the symbol of the Cold War, the Berlin Wall is torn down.

1312. Lech Wałęsa, Solidarity

President of Poland in 1990; he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. He formed the first independent trade union in Poland, called Solidarity and eventually brought down the Communist government and instituted a democratic government. Credited with initiating the end of communist domination on Eastern Europe.

1313. Boris Yeltsin

First popularly elected president of the newly formed country Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic

1314. Internet

The hardware and software that supports worldwide communications systems (different from the World Wide Web). Invented in 1958 by the US military to link the national radar system; in 1969 the first private messages were sent from UCLA to SRI International; in 1978 private international messages were sent.

1315. Human Genome Project

With the development of super computers the mapping of human DNA began in 1990 at the National Institutes of Health. All research data was published on the internet so that no one nation or private laboratory would determine the use of the data.

1316. James Watson and Francis Crick

Scientists that deciphered the structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). DNA is the genetic material that determines all forms of life.

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1318. Gulf War, 1991

War fought under a coalition of nations after Iraq invaded their neighboring nation Kuwait claiming it had been historically part of Iraq (Hitler used the same argument to invade Austria) Iraq was pushed out of Kuwait but was not invaded. The war lasted less than 100 days.

1319. Operation Desert Storm

The name of the Gulf War during the actual fighting because the US did not declare war.

1320. General “Stormin’ Norman” Schwarzkopf

Norman Schwarzkopf was the commander of the coalition forces during the Gulf War.

1321. Saddam Hussein

The leader of Iraq during the Gulf War; he invaded Kuwait under the guise of uniting all Iraqis – historically Kuwaitis were Iraqis.

1322. Tailhook Scandal

During a 1991 naval convention in Las Vegas, 83 women and 7 men claimed they had been sexually assaulted by naval officers. Accusations of cover ups and witch hunts were alleged by all sides.

1323. Baby Buster Generation

Another Term for Generation X.

1324. Bombing of the World Trade Center, New York City

A terrorist attack (not 9/11) via a car bomb detonated under the North Tower of the World Trade Center in 1993. The 1,500 lb. bomb was intended to knock the north tower over so that it hit the South Tower and bring it down.

1325. Earth Summit

Major United Nations meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 1992; 172 nations sent 2,400 representatives; agreements included to limit the greenhouse gases, protection of indigenous peoples land and other ideas that spawned the Kyoto Protocols, which led to further reduction of greenhouse gasses.

1326. Civil Rights Act of 1991

The first civil rights act since 1964 and addressed discriminatory hiring practices by employers. It also provided for trial by jury for discrimination cases and the possibility for emotional distress damages could be awarded.

1327. *Planned Parenthood v Casey* (1992)

The first case that could have overturned *Roe v Wade*. The State of Pennsylvania enacted abortion laws that required notification of parents, spouses, a 24 hour waiting period, an informed consent clause, and increased reporting procedures for abortion clinics. The laws were upheld and reduced the importance of *Roe v Wade*.

1328. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas

Second African American to serve on the Supreme Court (after Thurgood Marshall whom he succeeded). He was barely approved in 1991 after Anita Hill made allegations of sexual harassment.

1329. Anita Hill

Former co-worker of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas who testified that he made proactive and sexual harassment statements. Her testimony caused his senate approval 52-48; one of the narrowest approvals in history.

1330. Slobodan Milosevic

President of Serbia from 1989-1997 and president of the Republic of Yugoslavia from 1997-2000. After resigning in 2000 he was charged with “crimes against humanity” for genocide against Bosnians and Croatians.