

# The Last 35 Years

Outcomes: Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, & Barack Obama



## 1. Setting the Stage: Persian Gulf War



- \_\_\_\_\_ claimed Kuwait belonged to Iraq
- Iraq \_\_\_\_\_ Kuwait on Aug 2, 1990
- President Bush launched \_\_\_\_\_ to liberate Kuwait
- Cease-fire announced on Feb 28, 1991. Kuwait was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Saddam Hussein was still \_\_\_\_\_ of Iraq



## 2. 1992 Election

- A recession forced Bush to \_\_\_\_\_; approval rating dropped to 49% in 1992
- \_\_\_\_\_ years of Republican leadership came to an \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (D) from Arkansas defeated Bush and Texas billionaire Ross Perot

## 3. Clinton Pros



- Economy extremely \_\_\_\_\_; balanced the \_\_\_\_\_
- 1998 announced the federal government had a \_\_\_\_\_, first time in nearly 30 years
- Unemployment \_\_\_\_\_, stock market \_\_\_\_\_, fewer people relied on public \_\_\_\_\_
- Improved relations with former Cold War enemies \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ was created to strengthen economies of Canada, US, and Mexico

## 4. Clinton Cons

- Whitewater scandal lead to Clinton being \_\_\_\_\_
- Lied about having sexual relations with White House intern \_\_\_\_\_
- Senate fell short of two-thirds majority to \_\_\_\_\_ Clinton
- Some criticized Clinton for not intervening more in \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. 2000 Election



- Clinton's VP Al Gore \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ over George W. Bush (R)
- Recount in key state FL showed that Bush won \_\_\_\_\_ & election
- Bush's brother was \_\_\_\_\_ of FL; recounts were ended in Dec by Sup. Ct.

## 6. September 11, 2001



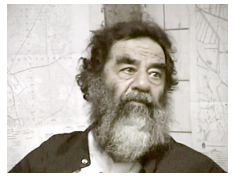
- \_\_\_\_\_ Terrorists from Al-Qaeda flew planes into the World Trade Center in NYC, The Pentagon in Wash DC, and outside of Philadelphia
- \_\_\_\_\_ planned the attacks; roughly 3,000 were killed
- Bush administration increased \_\_\_\_\_ measures

## 7. Invasion of Iraq

- US and British forces \_\_\_\_\_ in March of 2003
- Feared Saddam had weapons of mass destruction (\_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_ were found
- Motivation changed to “\_\_\_\_\_”; Saddam was found, tried, and executed '06

## 8. George W. Bush's Legacy

- \_\_\_\_\_ : 9-11-01
- Was the invasion of Iraq necessary? Possible \_\_\_\_\_ connection?
- Positive: Helped \_\_\_\_\_ of Saddam Hussein
- \_\_\_\_\_ following his presidency



## 9. 2008 Election

- Bush's VP Dick Cheney \_\_\_\_\_ for office
- Democrat \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Republican \_\_\_\_\_
- Obama won becoming \_\_\_\_\_ president in US history



## 10. Barack Obama's Presidency

- Inherited the \_\_\_\_\_ in US history
- Inherited a \_\_\_\_\_
- Attempting to fix \_\_\_\_\_ in US; very difficult task
- Approved mission that found and killed \_\_\_\_\_
- Ongoing \_\_\_\_\_
- Legacy? To be determined...

