Study Guide: George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama

Part A: Important Terms: Instructions: **ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER**, in at least one sentence per term, explain how the terms below relate to the era of US history from the Presidency of George H.W. Bush to the Presidency of Barack Obama.

1. George H.W. Bush
2. The Cold War
3. Boris Yeltsin
4. Saddam Hussein
5. The Gulf War
6. Kuwait
7. Iraq
8. South Africa
9. Nelson Mandela
10. Yugoslavia
11. Josip Broz Tito
12. Slobodan Milosevic
13. Serbs
14. Oil
15. Bill Clinton
16. Ross Perot
17. The Contract with America
18. Newt Gingrich
19. The Federal Medical Leave Act
20. Somalia
21. Mujahedeen
22. Afghanistan
23. Osama Bin Laden
24. Al Qaeda
25. Yasir Arafat
26. Yitzhak Rabin
27. International Business Machines Corporation
28. The Internet
29. The Whitewater Scandal
30. Monica Lewinsky
31. Kenneth Starr
32. The Patriot Act
33. UN Inspectors
34. George W. Bush
35. The 9/11/2001 Terrorist Attacks
36. Bank Bail Outs
37. Barack Obama
38. Joe Biden
39. The Tea Party
40. The Occupy Wall Street Movement
41. Pakistan
42. Immigration Reform

Part B: Short Answer: Instructions: In at least one paragraph, answer the questions below. If you need more room, use the back of the study guide.

1. **How did The Gulf War of 1990 & 1991 begin? Who were some important historical figures involved in the conflict? How did The Gulf War end?**

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| 1. | **George H.W. Bush**: He was elected President in 1988 and led the nation during the Gulf War.  
2. | **The Cold War**: This unofficial conflict between the USA and the USSR ended under the Presidency of George H.W. Bush.  
3. | **Boris Yelstin**: He was the leader of Russia and signed an acknowledgement with the USA that the Cold War was over.  
4. | **Saddam Hussein**: He was the dictator of Iraq during the Gulf War and was apprehended in the USA led invasion of Iraq in 2003.  
5. | **The Gulf War**: This conflict occurred when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.  
7. | **Iraq**: The USA initiated military engagements in this area in 1990 and 2003.  
8. | **South Africa**: This country tragically still had segregation, apartheid, in the 1990s.  
9. | **Nelson Mandela**: He fought to end racism and segregation in South Africa.  
10. | **Yugoslavia**: The Eastern European nation had internal Civil Wars throughout the 1990s.  
11. | **Josip Broz Tito**: He was the dictator of Yugoslavia for much of the 20th Century.  
12. | **Slobodan Milosevic**: He was a leader in Yugoslavia and convicted of war crimes for actions he took while in leadership.  
13. | **Ross Perot**: He ran as a 3rd party candidate in the USA in the 1990s.  
14. | **The Contract with America**: This was a Republican Strategy to lower taxes and cut spending.  
15. | **Newt Gingrich**: He led the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994.  
16. | **The Federal Medical Leave Act**: This law demanded businesses let employees take off for medical emergencies.  
17. | **Somalia**: The USA had two Blackhawk helicopters shot down in this area, while Clinton was President.  
18. | **Mujahedeen**: This Muslim, rebel group stopped the USSR from taking Afghanistan.  
19. | **Afghanistan**: The leaders of this nation, The Taliban, refused to release Bin Laden and the USA invaded their nation.  
20. | **Osama Bin Laden**: He was the mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.  
21. | **Al Qaeda**: This terrorist group was led by Osama Bin Laden.  
22. | **Yasir Arafat**: This man led the Palestinians and signed a treaty with Israel in 1993.  
23. | **Yitzhak Rabin**: This leader signed a treaty on behalf of Israel with the Palestinians and signed a treaty with Israel in 1993.  
24. | **International Business Machines Corporation**: This company built the first practical computers.  
25. | **The Internet**: This world wide connection of computers changed various  
27. | **Bank Bail Outs**: George W. Bush and Obama gave government money to banks to keep them from failing in the Great Recession.  
28. | **Barack Obama**: He was the first African American president, elected in 2008.  
29. | **Joe Biden**: He ran as Obama’s Vice Presidential nominee in 2008 and 2012.  
30. | **Monica Lewinski**: She had an affair with President Clinton in 1996.  
31. | **Kenneth Star**: He was an attorney who argued Bill Clinton should be impeached for lying under oath about his affair.  
32. | **The Patriot Act**: This act gave the President more military powers in the war on terror.  
33. | **UN Inspectors**: When Iraq refused to allow UN weapons inspectors in, the USA invaded in 2003.  
34. | **George W. Bush**: He was elected President in 2000.  
35. | **The Occupy Wall Street Movement**: This group believed income inequality had damaged the economy for 99% of Americans.  
36. | **Pakistan**: This is the nation in which Osama Bin Laden was found and killed in 2011.  
37. | **Immigration Reform**: In 2014, when Congress did
13. **Serbs**: This was the most dominant group in Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

14. **Oil**: This resource was in abundance in the Middle East, where many American conflicts took place in the 1990s and 2000s.

15. **Bill Clinton**: He was elected President in 1992.

29. **The Whitewater Scandal**: In this scandal, Bill Clinton was accused of receiving corrupt funding from a real-estate agency.

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**Part B: Short Answer**

**Instructions**: In at least one paragraph, answer the questions below. If you need more room, use the back of the study guide.

1. **How did the Gulf War of 1990 & 1991 begin? Who were some important historical figures involved in the conflict? How did the Gulf War end?**

   In 1990, Iraq needed funds, partially due to the expensive war they had encountered with Iran. The dictator of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, believed that, if he could gain control of neighboring Kuwait, he could increase the wealth of his nation. Kuwait had vast oil fields. President George H.W. Bush felt this threatened the security of the entire Middle East. He formed a coalition to fight Saddam and push him out of Iraq. By 1991, the Gulf War ended with Iraq leaving Kuwait and the sovereignty of Kuwait secured.

2. **How did technology change society in the 1990s and 2000s? What role did Steve Jobs and Bill Gates have in this impact?**

   The first computers, in the mid-20th Century, were massive and took up entire rooms. Yet, many worked to shrink down computers to make them more practical. The International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) succeeded in making the first practical computers in the mid-1950s. While computers had practical use for businesses and government endeavors, by the 1980s they began to have more mainstream appeal. Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, and Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, radically reduced the size of computers and made them affordable for the average American. Jobs and Gates amassed massive personal wealth in these endeavors, each becoming billionaires by bringing practical computers to the public at large. As early back as the 1970s, the US government and American universities used systems of connected computers for defense, research, and communication endeavors. By the 1980s, the internet was formed. The World Wide Web caught on with the general public by the mid-1990s. People were using America Online, searching on Yahoo, and shopping on Amazon.com by the 1990s. This revolutionized society and economics.

3. **What group initiated the attack of 9/11/01? Who led this terrorist group? How did the USA respond to the attacks? How did the attacks of 9/11 change the USA?**

   The terrorist group, Al Qaeda, led by Osama Bin Laden, initiated the 9/11 attacks. Bin Laden wanted to fight against Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War of 1990 and 1991. He didn’t want people in Saudi Arabia who did not follow his religion. Saudi Arabia was where the USA was planning to put bases. Likewise, he wickedly believed he could initiate violence against those who disagreed with his religious views. After the USA did come to Saudi Arabia, Bin Laden initiated terrorist attacks at various locations toward the USA. In 2001, the President of the USA, George W. Bush, responded by invading Afghanistan, when the government of the area, the Taliban, refused to give up Al Qaeda and Bin Laden. The USA stayed at war in Afghanistan until the presidency of Barack Obama. Eventually, in 2011, US intelligence located Bin Laden in Pakistan and Obama ordered Navy Seals into the area to kill or capture Bin Laden. They killed the terrorist and, shortly after, Obama began to scale back the military presence in Afghanistan.