Topics & Themes from College Board on Period 9 1980-Present

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**Work, Exchange & Tech:** The interplay between markets, private enterprise, labor, tech & government policy shape the American economy. In turn, eco activity shapes society & government policy & drives tech innovation.

Eco & tech change: \*Eco productivity increased as improvements in digital communications enabled increased American participation in worldwide eco opportunities

\*Tech innovation in computing, digital mobile tech, & internet transformed daily life, increased access to info & led to new social behaviors & networks

\* Employment increased in service sectors & decreased in manufacturing & union membership declined (continuation from 1970’s, rise of globalization)

\*Real wages stagnated for the working & middle class amid growing eco inequality

**Migration & Settlement**: \*Push & pull factors shape immigration to & migration within America, & the demographic change as a result of these moves shapes migrants, society & environment

\*After 1980, pol, eco & cultural influence of the American South & West continued to increase as population shifted to those areas (Prop 13 in Cali, moral majority)

\*International migration from Latin American & Asia increased dramatically. The new immigrants affected US culture in many ways & supplied the eco with an

Important labor force

**America in the World:** \*Diplomatic, economic, cultural & military interactions between empires, nations, & peoples shape the development of America & America’s increasingly important role in the world

\* Post 9/11/01, the US launched military efforts against terrorism & lengthy, controversial conflicts in Afghanistan & Iraq

\*War on terror sought to improve security within the US but also raised questions about the protection of civil liberties & human rights (Patriot Act)

\*Conflicts in the Middle East & concerns about climate change led to debates over US dependence of fossil fuels & impact of eco consumption on the environment

\*Despite economic & foreign policy challenges, the US continued as the world’s leading superpower in the 21st century

**Period 9 Causation: \*** Newly ascendant conservative movement achieved several political & policy goals during the 1980’s & continued to strongly influence public discourse in the following decades. \*Conservative beliefs regarding the need for traditional social values & a reduced role for government advanced in US politics after 1980 (culture wars under Bush #1)

\* Moving into the 21st century, the nation experienced significant technological, economic & demographic changes

\*New developments in science & tech enhanced the economy & transformed society, while manufacturing decreased

\* The US population continued to undergo demographic shifts that had significant cultural & political consequences.(Birth rate down, Yuppies - Yuppie, short for "young urban professional" or "young upwardly-mobile professional", is a term coined in the early 1980s for a young professional person working in a city” married later, fewer if any kids)

\* The end of the Cold War & new challenges to US leadership forced the nation to redefine its foreign policy & role in the world (Trump more isolationist)

\*The Reagan admin promoted an interventionist foreign policy that continued in later admins, even after the end of the Cold War (Persian Gulf War, Iraq, Afghan)

\*Following 9/11/01 US foreign policy efforts doubled down on fighting terrorism around the world.

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