

America Changes Course

Trace how events changed the United States from 1975 to 2001.

SS5H7 "Trace important developments in America from 1975 to 2001."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the 12 dates in the passage. Write numbers 1 through 12 beside them to show the order the developments happened.

A Changing Role in the World

- ① In September 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed treaties with Panama that set a plan for Panama to take control of the Panama Canal in 1999. The Senate approved the treaties in 1978. In January 1981, Ronald Reagan became president and increased military spending while taking a tougher stand toward the Soviet Union. These choices showed different ways the United States used diplomacy and power.
- ② On November 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall opened, a sign that Soviet control in Eastern Europe was weakening. In August 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. On January 17, 1991, a United States-led coalition began attacking Iraqi forces, and the fighting ended on February 28, 1991. On December 26, 1991, the Soviet Union dissolved. The Cold War era was over.
- ③ The United States also increased trade links. The North American Free Trade Agreement, called NAFTA, took effect on January 1, 1994. It lowered many trade barriers among the United States, Canada, and Mexico. On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States. The attacks led the nation to focus more on security and begin military action in Afghanistan on October 7, 2001.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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How did the 1977 Panama treaties connect to the change in 1999?

2

Which happened first, the United States-led coalition's attack on Iraqi forces or the Soviet Union's dissolution? Give both dates.

3

Use two developments from 1991 to explain why that year was a turning point for the United States and the world.

4

How did NAFTA and the September 11 attacks lead the United States to focus on different kinds of connections with other countries?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose three different dated developments from the passage. Complete the table to trace each development and explain how it changed the United States' role or connections with other countries.

DATE	DEVELOPMENT	HOW IT CHANGED THE UNITED STATES' ROLE OR CONNECTIONS

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the 12 dates in the passage. Write numbers 1 through 12 beside them to show the order the developments happened. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the 1977 Panama treaties connect to the change in 1999?	The treaties set a plan for Panama to take control of the Panama Canal in 1999.
2	Which happened first, the United States-led coalition's attack on Iraqi forces or the Soviet Union's dissolution? Give both dates.	The coalition attack happened first, on January 17, 1991. The Soviet Union dissolved on December 26, 1991.
3	Use two developments from 1991 to explain why that year was a turning point for the United States and the world.	A United States-led coalition fought Iraqi forces after Iraq invaded Kuwait. Later that year, the Soviet Union dissolved, ending the Cold War era.
4	How did NAFTA and the September 11 attacks lead the United States to focus on different kinds of connections with other countries?	NAFTA lowered trade barriers with Canada and Mexico. After the attacks, the United States focused more on security and began military action in Afghanistan.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

DATE	DEVELOPMENT	HOW IT CHANGED THE UNITED STATES' ROLE OR CONNECTIONS
September 1977	Carter signed treaties with Panama.	The United States used diplomacy to plan Panama's control of the canal.
January 1, 1994	NAFTA took effect.	It lowered trade barriers with Canada and Mexico.
October 7, 2001	United States military action began in Afghanistan.	The nation focused more on security.

Accept accurate paraphrases of the passage. For the table, accept any three different dated developments if each row includes a correct date, event, and supported effect on the United States' role or connections.