Aims and Aftermath

Sort what leaders intended from what happened.

USH.C.9 "Analyze contemporary turning points of 21st century American society. Assess the significant events of the George W. Bush administration. Summarize the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

GOAL

A goal states what people intended a policy or action to accomplish. It does not tell you whether they succeeded.

Congress passed the PATRIOT Act to expand investigators' tools for preventing terrorism.

RESULT

A result states what happened after an event, policy, or action. A result may help you judge a goal, but it does not always prove what caused the change.

When the housing bubble burst, foreclosures rose and banks suffered major losses.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle GOAL or RESULT for each statement, then choose two items, one from each category, and explain which words helped you decide.

1.	The 2001 invasion of Afghanistan aimed to deny al-Qaeda a safe haven.	GOAL RESULT
2.	Hurricane Katrina's flooding displaced hundreds of thousands of Gulf Coast residents.	GOAL RESULT
3.	DACA was designed to temporarily defer deportation for eligible people brought to the United States as children.	GOAL RESULT
4.	The Affordable Care Act aimed to reduce the number of Americans without health insurance.	GOAL RESULT
5.	After the Affordable Care Act took effect, the share of Americans without health insurance fell.	GOAL RESULT
6.	The Dakota Access Pipeline began carrying oil in 2017 despite protests over risks to Tribal water and cultural sites.	GOAL RESULT
7.	Trump administration tariffs on Chinese goods aimed to pressure China to change its trade practices.	GOAL RESULT
8.	The 2021 infrastructure law aimed to upgrade roads, bridges, and drinking water systems.	GOAL RESULT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a 21st-century U.S. policy GOAL and one new example of a RESULT of a 21st-century U.S. event or policy. Do not reuse an example from this page.

GOAL _____

RESULT _____

CHALLENGE

Use items 4 and 5 to judge whether the goal was met. Write two sentences that cite the result and explain one limit of that evidence.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The 2001 invasion of Afghanistan aimed to deny al-Qaeda a safe haven.	**GOAL**	The statement identifies an intended purpose of the invasion.
2	Hurricane Katrina's flooding displaced hundreds of thousands of Gulf Coast residents.	**RESULT**	Displacement was a consequence of the disaster.
3	DACA was designed to temporarily defer deportation for eligible people brought to the United States as children.	**GOAL**	The statement describes what the program was designed to do.
4	The Affordable Care Act aimed to reduce the number of Americans without health insurance.	**GOAL**	The statement names an intended effect of the law.
5	After the Affordable Care Act took effect, the share of Americans without health insurance fell.	**RESULT**	The statement reports an observed change after the law took effect.
6	The Dakota Access Pipeline began carrying oil in 2017 despite protests over risks to Tribal water and cultural sites.	**RESULT**	The statement reports what happened despite the protests.
7	Trump administration tariffs on Chinese goods aimed to pressure China to change its trade practices.	**GOAL**	The statement identifies the tariffs' intended purpose.
8	The 2021 infrastructure law aimed to upgrade roads, bridges, and drinking water systems.	**GOAL**	The statement identifies intended improvements under the law.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **GOAL**: The Department of Homeland Security was created to coordinate efforts to protect the United States from threats.
- **RESULT**: A 2015 Supreme Court ruling made same-sex marriage legal nationwide.

Challenge: Item 5 shows that the share of Americans without health insurance fell, supporting progress toward the goal in item 4. That change alone does not prove the law caused the entire decline.

For Part 2, accept explanations that distinguish an intended aim from an observed event or change. Item 5 supports progress toward the goal in item 4, but the timing alone does not establish how much of the decline the law caused.