**U.S. History 11**

**Unit 9: Heading Toward the New Century**

**Chapters 32 Section 3-4, 33-34**

**The last unit ☹**

***Why Do You Have to Learn This?***

The only president to resign, Richard Nixon, will be brought down by the Watergate scandal. Gerald Ford pardons Nixon and it costs him re-election in 1976. Jimmy Carter mishandling of the economic recession and the Iranian Hostage Crisis ushers in the Ronald Reagan “Revolution.” Defense spending increases and the Soviet Union, who struggles to match the U.S.’s military build-up, collapses. George Bush, elected in 1988, struggles with another recession. The Gulf War against Iraq will mark the high point of his presidency. Though the Clinton Administration seems relatively peaceful and prosperous, just under the surface a new threat is building- radical Muslim terrorist groups dedicated to the destruction of Western nations. On 9-11-01, the U.S. is attacked and more than 3,000 American civilians are killed. George W. Bush will commit the U.S. and its allies to the War on Terror with troops going into Afghanistan and Iraq. The war continues. In 2008, we elect the first African American president, Barack Obama.

***What You Must Know by the End of This Unit:***

* *The economy is in recession during Jimmy Carter’s administration. Also, in Iran, their Cultural Revolution in 1979 spurs the kidnapping of many Americans living in Tehran. As the hostage crisis drags on and plays out on American T.V. sets, Carter loses the 1980 election to Ronald Reagan.*
* *During the 1980s, the economy recovers and the U.S. seems to have a renewed interest in traditional conservatism. Reagan’s tough stance with the Soviet Union, which includes a massive increase in defense spending, drives an already struggling U.S.S.R. to collapse.*
* *George Bush goes to war with Iraq when Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait, a U.S. ally. The lightening fast war makes him a hero. His popularity plunges, though, when he breaks his “no new taxes” promise.*
* *The Clinton Administration oversees an era of economic recovery.. But in the Middle East, radicalized Muslim terrorist groups like al-Jihad and Al-Qaeda declare war on the West.*
* *Nine months after George W. Bush takes office, the U.S. is attacked again. The World Trade Center Towers are brought down, the Pentagon is attacked, and Flight 93 goes down in a Pennsylvania field. The War on Terror begins. And continues.*
* *In November of 2008, Barack Obama is elected- the first African American president.*

***Vocabulary Terms and Phrases You Must Know:***

Gerald Ford

Jimmy Carter

Ayatollah Khomeini (Iran)

Camp David Accords

Iran Hostage Crisis

Ronald Reagan/Reaganomics

Strategic Defense Initiative

Mikhail Gorbachev

Sandra Day O’Connor

George H. W. Bush

Saddam Hussein

Operation Desert Storm

Bill Clinton

Impeachment Scandal

Oklahoma City Bombing

George W. Bush

9-11

Al-Qaeda

Osama Bin Laden

Axis of Evil

Hurricane Katrina

Barack Obama