



The United States Today: 1968–Present

Say What?

Learning about new periods of history can result in learning a lot of new words too. Look through this book and find five words you don't know. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Another View

This book has a lot of information about the threat of terrorism in the United States. As you know, every source is different. With the help of a teacher or librarian, find another source about terrorism in the United States. Then write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. How are the sources different and why?



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Tell the Tale

Chapter Four discusses the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Imagine you are in New York City when the planes hit the World Trade Center. Write a story to describe your experience. How do you feel? Are you worried about your friends or family members? How do you stay safe on that day?



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Take a Stand

In Chapter Five, this book discusses the debates surrounding gay marriage and climate change.

What other issues are debated today? Think of an issue affecting the United States that you feel strongly about. Write a few sentences explaining your opinion on that issue. Make sure to include reasons for your opinion.