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ERA 10: CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES (1968 TO THE PRESENT)
THEMES: AMERICAN IDENTITY, CULTURE,
POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP

Reagan His Place In History



40th President of the United States,
Ronald Reagan

Guiding Questions

How is Reagan's Presidency viewed by historians?
What criteria should history use to evaluate presidents?

Question Focus Examples for Task 24

Reagan's Presidency brought an end to the ideas
of the 20th Century.

Teacher-to-Teacher

The American Heritage article does a nice job introducing the topic of historical distance and determining an effective presidency. Using the speeches at the beginning and end of Reagan's time in office contrasted with the discussions of his presidency with a comparison to Clinton's presidency along with the political cartoon will provide plenty of material for students to debate Reagan's place in history.

Literature Connection(s):

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

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- ✦ **Reagan His Place in History**
by Richard Brookhiser ARTICLE
- ✦ **First Inaugural Address** DOCUMENT
- ✦ **Speech on the Challenger
Disaster** DOCUMENT
- ✦ **The Budget and Deficit Under
Clinton** DOCUMENT/CHART
- ✦ **Farewell Address** DOCUMENT
- ✦ **Historians Discuss
Reagan's Legacy** DOCUMENT/MEDIA
- ✦ **Presidential Portrait** IMAGE
- ✦ **Reagan Political Cartoons** POLITICAL CARTOON

Recommended Instructional Strategies

- Task 5:** Word Choice Matters: Changing Meaning and Tone
- Task 9:** Close Reading: Rhetorical Devices
- Task 16:** Analyze and Compare Author Purpose
- Task 23:** Identifying Claim and Evidence
- Task 24:** QFT (Question Focus Technique)
- Task 25:** Document Analysis/Sourcing