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Changes in Lifestyle

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 **The 1980s**
The Impact of the Computer



Increased communication

Reduced unemployment in rural areas

Ushered in the age of electronic games



Internet

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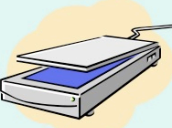


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Other Advancements in Computer Technology

Replaced cash registers Transformed banking (ATMS)



Fax machines Scanners





Cellular telephones


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Other Symbols of the 1980s


Movies




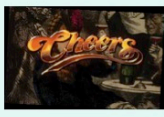

Television



Dynasty



Music




Madonna, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Kenny Rogers

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The 1990s

The Impact of Technology

Introduction of the World Wide Web



Email



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Other Symbols of the 1990s


Grunge clothing




Television

Everybody Loves Raymond
The Golden Girls


Movies



Music



The Spice Girls



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The 21st Century


Impact of Technology


- Digital electronics
- Multi-use mobile phones
- GPS
- High Definition TV
- Blue Ray

Social Networking

Blogs
MySpace
Facebook
Twitter
Instagram
Snapchat







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Other Symbols of the 21st Century

Music

Television

American Idol
Survivor
The Amazing Race
NCIS
The Good Doctor
Young Sheldon
Game of Thrones

Movies

Toy Story
Hacksaw Ridge
Green Book
Lion King
The Shape of Water
Moonlight



Maroon Five



Brad Paisley



Beyonce

Dress



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The End of the Cold War

The threat of communism ended when people in a number of countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, and East Germany—overthrew their communistic governments.

The end of the Cold War led to the tearing down of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989



In 1991 the biggest threat to the United States during the Cold War—the Soviet Union—collapsed.

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Operation Desert Storm

The first United States military operation since Vietnam took place in the Middle East.

On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded and occupied Kuwait in an effort to seize oil and gain a port on the Persian Gulf.

The United States led a coalition, called Operation Desert Shield, to free Kuwait.



When Iraq refused to leave Kuwait, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm.

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There was an increased use of technology in Operation Desert Storm.

Operation Desert Storm was almost entirely a war of air bombardment.





Iraqi missiles were intercepted and destroyed by American antimissile rockets.

In February 1991, an intensive ground offensive was launched that resulted in a cease fire four days after it began.

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West Virginians in the Gulf War

1,222 active National Guard members and 949 reserves served in the Persian Gulf. Five lost their lives.

Admiral Joseph T. Lopez served as an adviser to Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney.

Admiral Lopez was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the Bronze Star.

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Terrorism Strikes the United States

On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by unknown terrorists.

As stunned Americans watched the tragedy unfold on television, a third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Four airplanes were hijacked. Three of the four flew into buildings in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The World Trade Center in New York City was the target of two American Airlines planes. One of the planes crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center and minutes later a second plane flew into the South Tower.

On a fourth plane, passengers overtook the terrorists and caused the plane to land in a rural field in Pennsylvania. Their act of heroism possibly saved hundreds of lives.




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Operation Enduring Freedom

Immediately after the attacks, President George W. Bush asked Congress to give him war powers.

An extremist group of Islamist terrorists, called **al-Qaeda**, was found to be responsible for the attacks. Al-Qaeda, based in Afghanistan, was protected by a group called the **Taliban**.



Taliban in Herat, July 2001

The United States gave al-Qaeda an ultimatum to

- close terrorist training camps.
- hand over al-Qaeda leaders.
- return all foreign nationals who had been unjustly detained in Afghanistan.

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The Taliban refused the ultimatum, resulting in a United States-led coalition attack on al-Qaeda's leader **Osama bin Laden's** camps in Afghanistan. This military operation, called Enduring Freedom, began in October and, by the end of March, 2002, had successfully removed the Taliban from power in Afghanistan.



US Troops in Afghanistan



Osama bin Laden was ultimately killed in Pakistan on May 2, 2011 by a United States Special Operations Military Unit.

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The United States combat mission in Afghanistan continued until December 2014 when most troops returned home.

After 2014, the name of the operation in Afghanistan was changed to Operation Freedom Sentinel.

Between 2017 and 2018 President Donald Trump sent some 6,000 additional troops to Afghanistan and changed the name of US operations there to Resolute Support.

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West Virginia Presence In Afghanistan

By February 2002, some 1,100 West Virginians had been deployed, giving the state a ranking of third in the nation in terms per capita active-duty deployment following September 11.

Fifteen West Virginians lost their lives through August 15, 2011.

The Martinsburg-based 167th Airlift Wing flew missions in Afghanistan that included transporting more detainees as well as the bodies of US Servicemen killed in action.



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Following the attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States became more concerned about foreign nations having weapons of mass destruction that could be used by terrorists.

On March 19, 2003, President George W. Bush announced that the United States was involved in a military conflict, named Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The combat phase of the operation lasted less than two months, ending on May 1, 2003.

In December 2003, Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. troops and was hanged for crimes against humanity on December 30, 2006.

Operation Iraqi Freedom became a political issue during the presidential election of 2008. Barack Obama, who favored the earliest withdrawal of troops from Iraq, was elected.

On December 15, 2011, the United States lowered the flag of command over Baghdad, officially ending the country's military mission in Iraq.

Operation Iraqi Freedom



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Reevaluating Foreign Relations Economically

When Donald Trump became president in 2017, he disagreed with the policies of previous presidents regarding foreign relations.

To that end, he supported an "America First" agenda which called for:

- reducing the amount of money the United States would spend to defend other countries around the world
- increasing the amount of money allied countries would contribute to the defense of others
- withdrawing from agreements that were not "in the best interests" of the United States

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New Trade Agreements

One of President Trump's first orders as president was to:

withdraw the United States from the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) with provided lower tariffs would be levied on partner nations, including Japan, Canada and Mexico.

Leaders from 10 of the 12 prospective member states at a TPP summit in 2010



renegotiate NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) with Canada and Mexico.



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Reevaluating Foreign Relations Politically

President Trump became more friendly with nations, including:

- Russia
- China
- North Korea
- Saudi Arabia
- Israel

while distancing himself from nations, including:

- Germany
- Great Britain
- Canada
- Mexico

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Governor Jim Justice in his first two state of the state addresses identified a number of areas of concern in West Virginia. These included:

- The Economy**
- Tourism**
- Infrastructure**
- Manufacturing**
- Agriculture**
- Education**
- The Opioid Crisis**

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The Economy

Between 2012 and 2016, prior to Justice being governor, West Virginia lost 26,000 jobs, 1,700 of which were in the coal and gas industries. The loss of jobs, resulting in a loss of state revenue, caused the state to rely on its Rainy Day Fund to pay its bills.

Governor Justice has added to the state revenue through increases in taxes and fees.

Additionally, he challenged every West Virginian to think of “new ways” to solve the state’s economic problems.

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Tourism

The Office of Tourism was challenged to examine how it has marketed the state to outsiders resulting in:

- rebranding the state by showcasing its beauty and diversity.
- marketing the state’s beautiful scenery as “almost heaven.”
- portraying the state’s hiking and walking trails as country roads.

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Infrastructure

In order to increase the number of tourists, Governor Justice purposed a major initiative to improve the state's infrastructure.

To that end, ...

- the Roads to Prosperity bill permitted the state to sell \$1.6 billion in road bonds to fund more than 600 projects.
- projects have been identified in all 55 counties.



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Manufacturing

Manufacturing in the state has improved the last few years, but two areas which offer opportunities for substantial growth are timber and natural gas.

Timber

- The state has over 12 million acres of prime hardwoods.
- The state's forests are renewed 2.5 times faster than they are used.
- The abundance of timber lends itself to the creation of mills and manufacturing.

Natural Gas

- is found in 53 of 55 counties.
- reserves include several trillion cubic feet of untapped resources.
- can be transported via pipelines to industries and households in other states.



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Agriculture

Governor Justice has called agriculture the "sleeping giant" in West Virginia.

His proposals call for:

- the development of specialty crops.
- increased production of poultry and livestock.
- using abandoned mountain top mine sites to build chicken houses and hog pens and grow crops.



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Education

Governor Justice wants to make education the centerpiece of his overall vision for West Virginia. His proposals call for:

- the reduction of state bureaucracy.
- a change in the way students are evaluated.
- a variety of career paths.
- the development of a college and career readiness assessment.

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Opioid Crisis

West Virginia has the highest rate of drug overdose deaths in the United States, more than 1,000 in 2017.

Between 2007 and 2012 opioid distributors sent more than 16.5 million hydrocodone and oxycodone pills to the state. This equates to 433 pills for each man, woman, and child in the state.

The state has a plan to address the crisis. It includes:

- prevention – limiting prescriptions
- treatment – [more centers, new methods for treatment](#)
- reversing overdoses – carry Naloxone
- family support and recovery



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Where Do We Go From Here?

What do you think are the greatest challenges facing West Virginia today?



How did we get to where we are today?

What can you do to move the state forward?

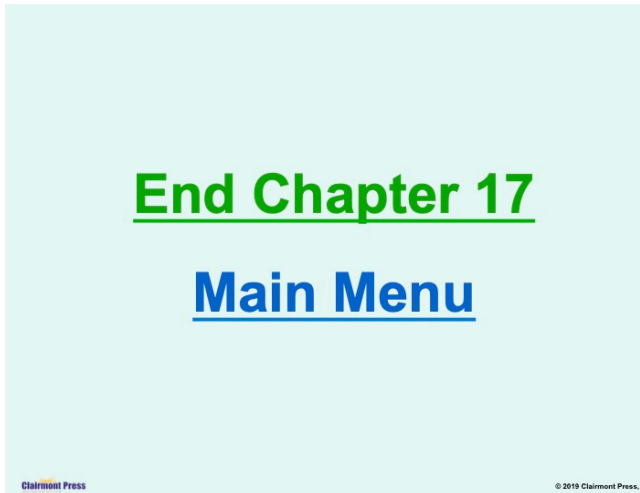
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