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Clinton & the 1990s



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Assess the success of Clinton's domestic policies.
- Describe the Contract With America and its impact.
- Analyze the Clinton impeachment.
- Evaluate the changes that new technological innovations brought to the economy and daily life in the 1990s.

Clinton New Domestic Policies

Family Medical Leave Act- Act that guaranteed most full-time employees 12 workweeks of unpaid leave each year for...

The birth of a baby, to recover from illness, or to care for a family with one

Administration also raised minimum wage, increased access to college loans, & expanded tax credits for higher educations

His wife, [Hillary Clinton](#), led a task force to investigate a possible national healthcare, never happened under his administration



Fighting Crime & Violence

Brady Bill- Gun-control act named after James Brady who was wounded during Reagan's assassination attempt

Anti-crime bill that increased funding for police & banned assault weapons

1995- Homegrown terrorists in Oklahoma bombed a government building, killing 168 people

1999- Two heavily armed students kill 12 students & a teacher at Colorado's Columbine High School

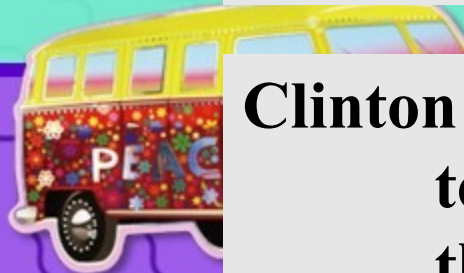
Conservative Resurgence

1994- Republican **Newt Gingrich** began an opposition campaign against Clinton. “We will cooperate, but we won’t compromise!”

Contract With America- Gingrich plan that attacked big government & emphasized patriotism & traditional values

1994 Election the Republican party took control of the House, Senate, & most governorships

Clinton faced many hurdles but decided to lead towards balancing the budget & reducing the federal deficit



Scandals, Impeachment, & Trial

Clinton faced scandals such as a sexual harassment suit in Arkansas & investments his family made with Whitewater Development Corporation

Kenneth Starr investigated the Whitewater scandal, but failed to find any guilt

However, he did uncover that Clinton denied, under oath, that he had an affair with his intern **Monica Lewinsky**

1998- **Impeachment**, the process of trying to remove a president, began due to the scandal

Clinton Trial

The House voted to impeach on the basis of perjury, despite the America public believing it was not serious enough

1999- The Senate acquits the President & the charges are dropped

However, the American public began to distrust the government



Computers

Technology in the U.S. expanded quickly into the 20th century, we went from the wright brothers plane to a man on the moon in 70 years!

Personal Computers- Computers owned by individuals made available due to the development of smaller microchips & microprocessors

Personal computers changed how people bought, sold, worked, & interacted with each other.

Demand for newer, faster, & versatile digital devices grew

Innovations

Biotechnology- Use of living organisms in the development of new products. Such as artificial hearts or organ transplants

Satellites- Mechanical devices that orbit Earth that receive & send information to digital devices

Ted Turner created the first TV superstation & began the first 24 all-news channel CNN

Robert Johnson launched Black Entertainment Television (BET)

Global Positioning System (GPS)- System to measure radio signals from satellites to determine location



The Internet

Known as the World Wide Web, system that linked computer systems via cables & satellites

The Web made communication & access to information instantaneous



The Tech Boom allowed for technological innovations & new opportunities to improve the standard of living

