18.5 Part 1

The Two Sides of the Nixon Presidency



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

- Describe Richard Nixon's leadership in foreign policy.
- Define Nixon's foreign policy toward China and the Soviet Union.

Nixon's New Approach to Foreign Policy

During Nixon's presidency, he reshaped the way the U.S. approached the world under the US shared common Cold War ideology

Policy was a "US VS THEM" idea & the U.S. held the assumption of "the enemy of my enemy is my friend."

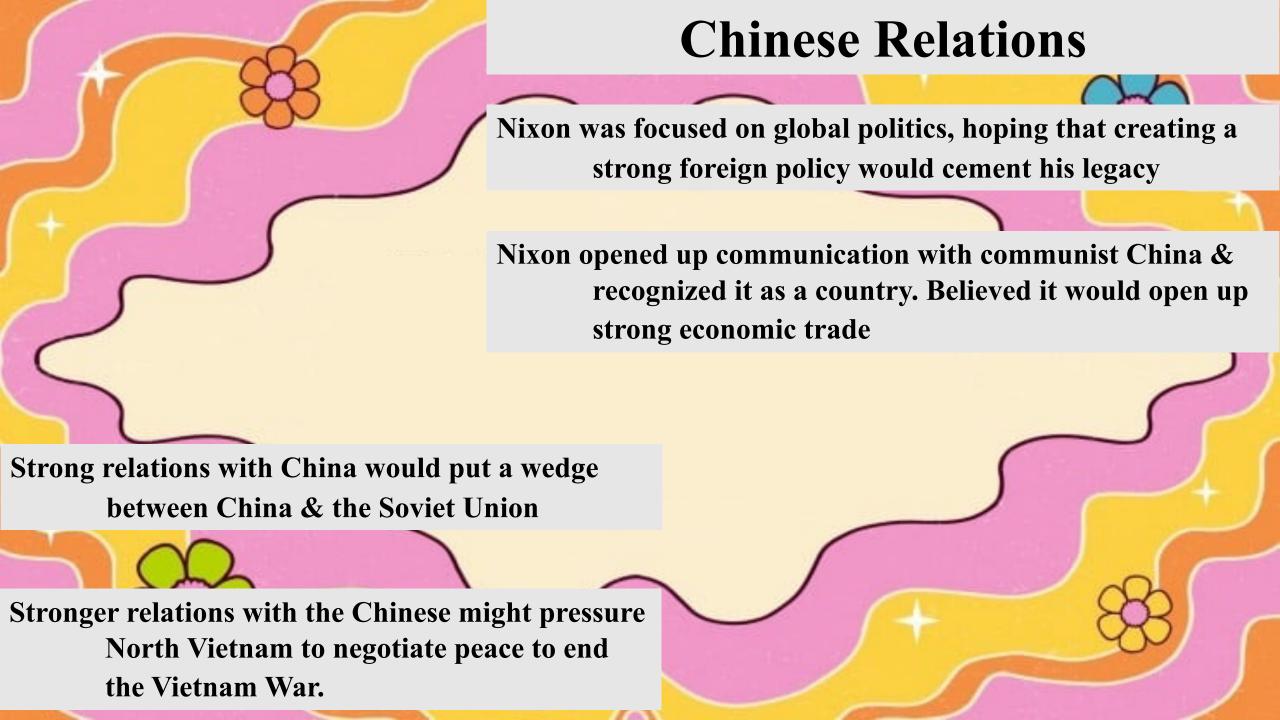


Henry Kissinger- Nixon's advisor on national security & international affairs.

Realpolitik- German for "real politics." Nixon & Kissingers policies that goals should be defined by concrete national interests instead of abstract ideologies

Believed that U.S. should view world with fresh eyes & policies were not black & white, but actually grey





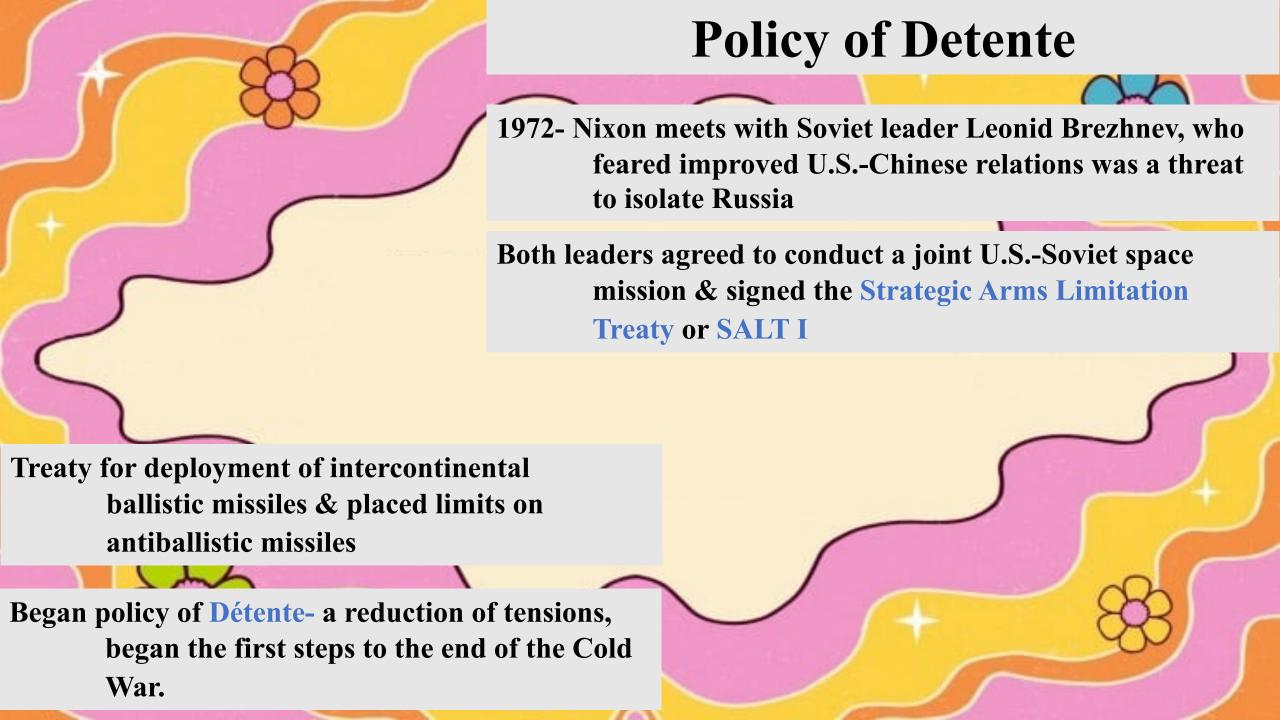
Normalizing Relations with China

April 1971- China invites an American table-tennis team to play against its athletes, showing they were willing to work with the U.S.

Kissinger began working with Premier Zhou Enlai, the leader of China, to organize policy



Trade & tourism begin setting up full diplomatic relations by 1979—the high point of Nixon's Presidency.



18.5 Part 2

Nixon's Domestic Policies



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

- Describe Richard Nixon's attitude toward "big" government.
- Analyze Nixon's southern strategy





The U.S. Economy Under Nixon

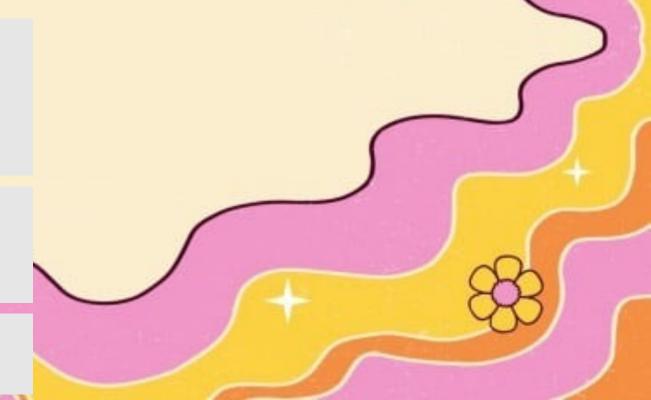
The Vietnam War & foreign competition saw the U.S. economy under a recession & inflation at the same time.

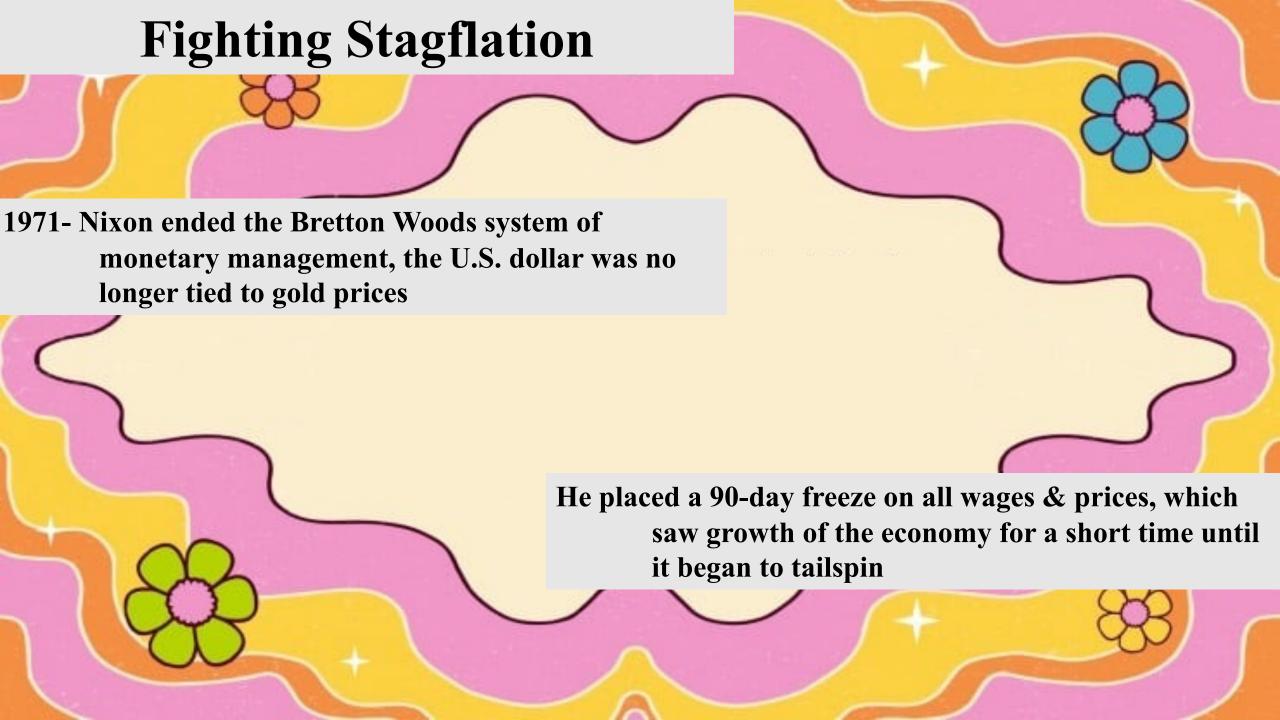
Stagflation- The economy was stagnant (didn't move) & inflation grew

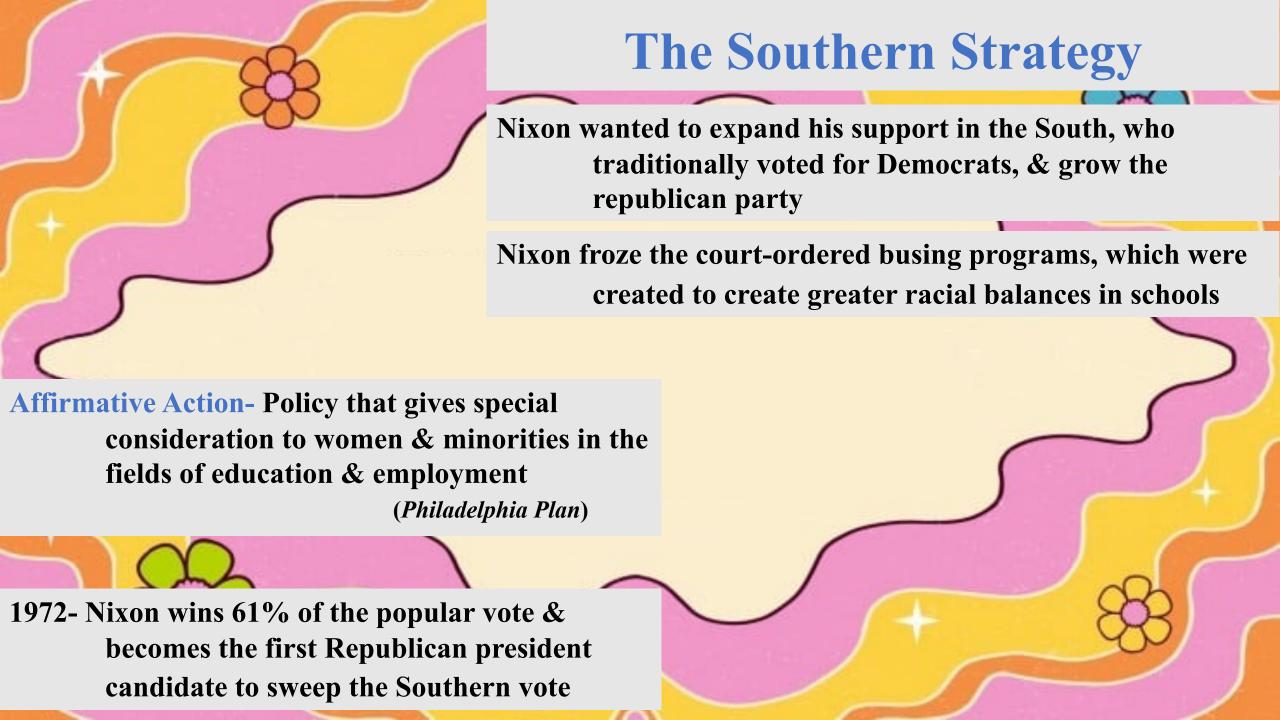
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
(OPEC)- Multinational organization that
sells oil to other nations & regulates price
& supply

1973- Raised oil prices by 70% & then placed an embargo on Israels allies due to the Arab war against Israel

Oil prices skyrocketed 400% in a single year! Lasted until 1974







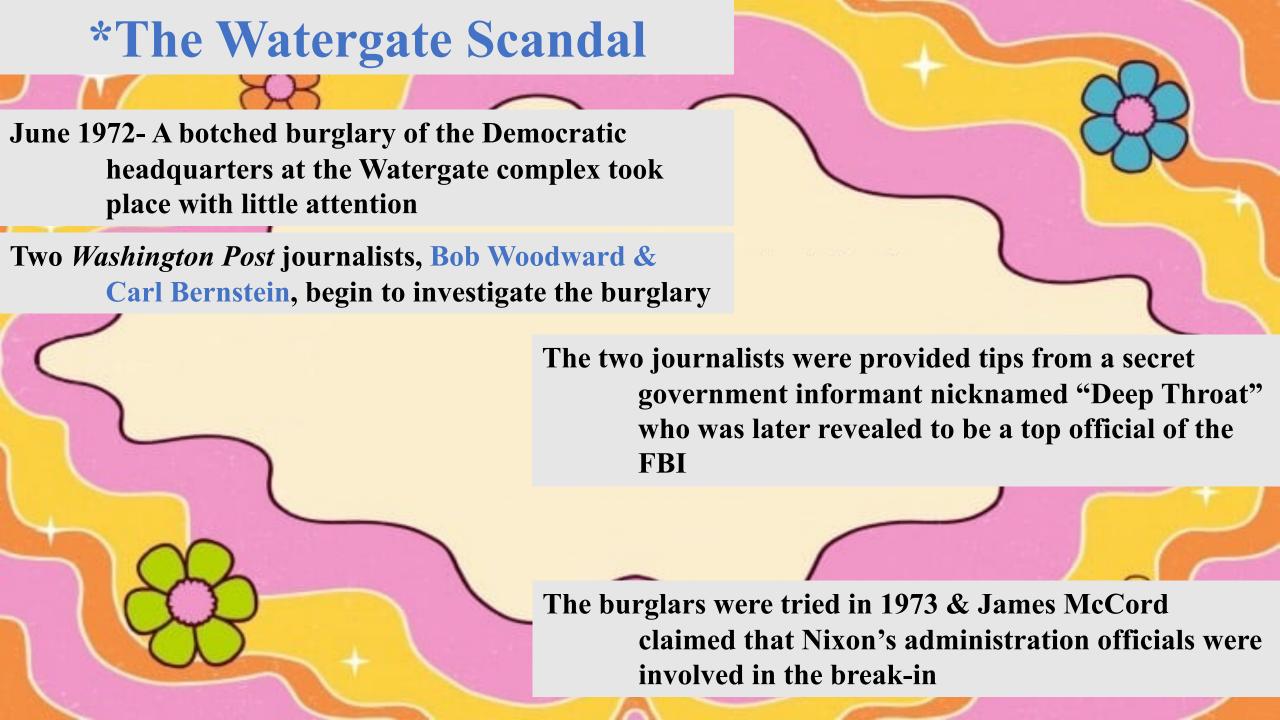
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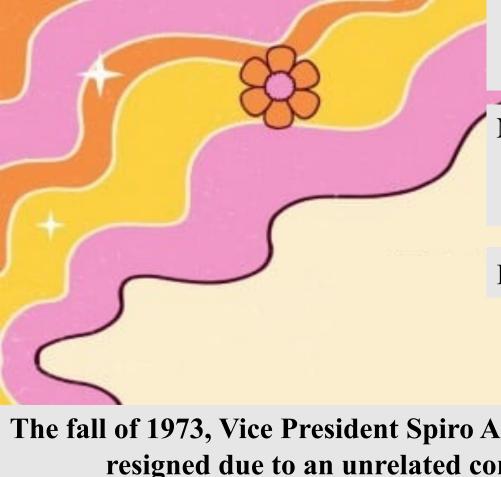
The Watergate Scandal



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

• Describe the effects of the Watergate political scandal.





Nixon Innocent?

Nixon's aids began to resign after evidence began to mount, but Nixon proclaimed he was innocent, saying, "I am not a crook!"

Polls showed that fewer than 1 in 5 Americans believed him.

The fall of 1973, Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned due to an unrelated corruption scandal.

The 25th Amendment deals with the presidential succession thus pushing Speaker of the House Gerald Ford as Nixon's new Vice **President**



The Plot Thickens

Nixon had been secretly recording Oval Office conversations for years & prosecutors demanded them to see if he was involved in Watergate

Nixon refused & claimed executive privilege, the president has the right to keep certain information confidential



Upon listening to the tapes, prosecutors found crucial information was erased, Nixon claiming his secretary mistakenly did so

The House of Representatives votes to impeach the President for obstructing justice

