

# RONALD REAGAN

## A P R E S I D E N T ' S V I S I O N

### AT FIRST GLANCE WORKSHEET

This worksheet will help you develop an initial analysis of the content and design of the “President’s Vision” poster on Ronald Reagan. Carefully examine the poster, then write your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

#### TAKING A FIRST GLANCE

1. When did Ronald Reagan serve as U.S. president? How many terms did he serve?
2. The poster features a series of photographs from the Reagan presidency. Examine the different images of Reagan. How do you think Americans thought of Reagan as a man and as a leader, based on these photographs?

#### TAKING A KNOWLEDGE INVENTORY

3. What do you know about Ronald Reagan?
4. What would you like to learn about Reagan and his presidency?

#### READING THE NARRATIVE

5. What economic problems faced American society when Reagan took office?
6. What policies did Reagan pursue to address these problems?
7. What were the three central objectives of Reagan’s agenda?
8. The poster’s narrative argues that Reagan’s foreign policy focused on winning the Cold War. Based upon previous study, briefly explain the Cold War.
9. Reagan inherited a longstanding foreign policy in which the United States sought to “contain,” rather than directly confront, Soviet power. What specific policies did Reagan pursue to end the Cold War and achieve an American victory?
10. How does this narrative add to your understanding of Reagan?

#### STUDYING THE POSTER DESIGN

11. List all of the graphic elements (such as paintings, documents, and images) that the designer used to create the poster.
12. As you scan the poster, which image catches your attention first? Why are you drawn to this image?
13. Consider the work of the poster’s designer. List three important choices that he or she made in designing this poster. Explain why each is important.

#### EXAMINING THE IMAGES

14. What “story” about Reagan does each of the poster’s images tell?
15. Choose three images featured on the poster and explain how each image illustrates major points addressed in the narrative.
16. Use the poster to determine three characteristics of the United States during the years that Ronald Reagan served as president.

#### UNDERSTANDING REAGAN’S VISION

17. In two or three sentences, describe Reagan’s vision for his presidency during his terms in office.

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