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Use the vocabulary words and definitions below as a reference for this unit.

affirmative action programs to give preference to qualified African Americans and other minorities when they apply for jobs and schools

bicentennial a 200th anniversary or its celebration

Camp David Accords peace treaty signed by Egypt and Israel

Carter Doctrine President Carter's proclamation that the United States would use force to protect the Persian Gulf region

conservation protection from waste or loss, especially of natural resources

Department of Energy (DOE) federal agency created to find ways to conserve and develop energy sources

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) federal agency set up to investigate practices that damage the environment

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) proposed amendment to constitution that would guarantee women's equal rights

feminists people who believe in and work for equal treatment of women, particularly in the work force

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Hispanics people from Spanish-speaking nations and Spanish cultures including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic

hostage a person who is kidnapped and held until certain demands are met

Islam religion whose followers believe in Allah as the sole deity, or God

Muslims believers in Islam

National Organization for Women (NOW) organization working for equal employment opportunities for women and protection of women's rights

Persian Gulf region area in the Middle East that has large reserves of oil

recession a period when business is bad; less serious than a depression

Who's Who as America Seeks Answers

Menachem Begin

Gaylord Nelson

Rachel Carson

Richard M. Nixon

James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.

Ronald Reagan

Betty Friedan

Anwar Sadat

Ayatolla Khomeini