



LESSON 9.1.6 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #45 The Clinton Years, or the 1990s

PURPOSE

In this video, John covers the 1990s. You will get a chance to see how the economic prosperity and technological revolution of the decade combined with domestic and foreign policy decisions to shape the development of globalization and the world we live in today.

LINK

- [Crash Course US History #45 – The Clinton Years, or the 1990s](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about the United States as it was in the 1990s. You'll remember from last week that the old-school Republican George H.W. Bush had lost the 1992 presidential election to a young upstart Democrat from Arkansas named Bill Clinton. Clinton was a bit of a dark horse candidate, having survived a sex scandal during the election, but a third party run by Ross Perot split the vote, and Clinton was inaugurated in 1993. John will teach you about Clinton's foreign policy agenda, which included NATO action in the Balkans and the Oslo Accords between Israel and the PLO. He'll also cover some of the domestic successes and failures of the Clinton years, including the failed attempt at healthcare reform, the pretty terrible record on GLBTQ issues, Welfare reform, which got mixed reviews, and the happier issues like the huge improvements in the economy. Also computers. Cheap, effective, readily available computers came along in the 1990s and they kind of changed the world.

PROCESS

Remember that John speaks very quickly, and you should watch the video with captions. Don't forget to pause and rewind when necessary. Before you watch the video, remember to look back at the central ideas of the Unit 9 Essential Questions and the Lesson 9.1 Essential Questions.



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Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. Describe the successes of President Clinton's foreign policy.
2. What is perhaps the greatest failure of the international community in the second half of the 20th Century?
3. What acts of terrorism occurred during the Clinton presidency?
4. Describe "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" - President Clinton's policy, although a compromised one, on ending the military's homosexuality ban.
5. What is triangulation?
6. What was Clinton's signature economic policy? Describe it.



7. How did the economy improve under Clinton's administration?

8. How was this increased economic growth bad in some ways?

9. How did the economic growth of the 1990s expand the divide between rich and poor?

10. How did immigration shape the latter half of the 20th Century?

LESSON 9.1.6 | WATCH | Conceptual Thinking

Answer the following question to make connections across different concepts and think more critically about the information presented in the video.

1. How has the growth of the internet made it easier for individuals to find and filter voices that they agree with? Why is this problematic?