**CNN’s “The Eighties”**

**Episode 3: “Reagan Revolution”**

1. What was unique or significant about the 1980 election?
2. What were the characteristics of “Reaganomics” and what criticisms were initially voiced about it?
3. What effect was produced by the failed assassination attempt on Reagan?
4. What were the effects of Reaganomics on the American people, and on the 1982 midterm election as it drew nearer? Give several examples.
5. Describe the role of the American military in the conflicts in both Lebanon, Grenada and the effects of both interventions.
6. Briefly describe America’s involvement with the conflict in Nicaragua, including the different approaches taken by both Congress and Reagan himself.
7. What gave a huge boost of support to Reagan’s candidacy in the 1984 election, and what seemed to be working against him?
8. How did the Reagan administration deal with the hostage crisis in Lebanon and what reaction was generated in the media/public consciousness?
9. Describe the testimonies of Oliver North & John Poindexter.
10. What ultimately “rescued” Reagan’s reputation in the wake of the Iran/Contras scandal? How did this event differ from Watergate according to Steven Hayward?
11. What is your opinion of the Reagan presidency thus far? Discuss any examples of bias that you felt might have been present in the documentary.

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