

OKLAHOMA!



Land of

Opportunity

Chapter 17:
Oklahoma Roundup
STUDY PRESENTATION





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Section 1: The 1980s

➤ Essential Question:

- How did the economy of Oklahoma affect people's lives in the 1980s?



Section 1: The 1980s

- What terms do I need to know?
 - kickback



Introduction



Oklahomans in the Reagan Administration

- Jeane Kirkpatrick: foreign policy advisor to President Ronald Reagan
- William J. Crowe, Jr.: (1980) commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe; (1983) in charge of U.S. Pacific Command; (1985) Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff; Ambassador to the United Kingdom in the 1990s



Oklahoma in the 1980s



Oklahoma in the 1980s: Politics

- 1978: George Nigh elected governor; David Boren elected to U.S. Senate
- 1982: “County Commissioner Scandal” – 280 vendors and commissioners convicted of fraud for taking bribes from companies to make sure the county did business with that company



Oklahoma in the 1980s: Economy

- Early 1980s: economic decline because of downturn in oil industry; resulted in increased unemployment and bankruptcies
- State revenues fell causing budget problems
- Tougher environmental regulations caused some oil refineries to close
- 1983: Pari-mutuel betting approved; it was hoped the horse racing would bring revenue to the state



Oklahoma in the 1980s: Small Town Oklahoma

- As number of jobs reduced, many small businesses closed; many moved to new cities to find jobs
- Main Street Program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation brought money into some towns for needed renovation projects
- Duncan was first Oklahoma town to get Main Street Program funds



Oklahoma in the 1980s: Oklahoma's Diamond Jubilee

- 1982: Oklahoma celebrated its 75th birthday
- Many celebrations including recreation of the marriage of Mr. Oklahoma Territory and Miss Indian Territory
- Balloon launches on November 16, 1982 at 10:30 a.m. were held at schools around the state – some balloons were found in other states, the Bahamas, and England
- 1989: Olympic Fest



Section 2: The 1990s

➤ Essential Question:

- What were the major issues affecting Oklahomans in the 1990s?



Section 2: The 1990s

- What terms do I need to know?
 - urban sprawl
 - MAPS (Metropolitan Area Projects)



Introduction



Education Reforms

- Henry Bellmon: served as governor 1987-1991
- 1990: House Bill 1017 worked for improved student achievement in schools, limiting class sizes
- 1999: House Bill 1759 two-tier diploma system and Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship program
- 1991: Sandy Garrett became State School Superintendent – decreased class size, improved reading skills, updated technology, improved safety



MAPS

- 1993: Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS) – Mayor Ronald Norick: Oklahoma City's urban renewal plan; funded by 1¢ sales tax
- Canals and Bricktown Ballpark a part of this project
- Oklahoma River waterways improved for transportation
- Other MAPS projects: Civic Center Music Hall, Museum of Art, Chesapeake Boathouse
- Program was a model for other cities



Domestic Terrorism

- April 19, 1995: Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building destroyed by terrorist's explosives
- 168 deaths including 19 children; 800 injured
- 2001: Execution of Timothy McVeigh, convicted mastermind of the attack
- 2000: Oklahoma City National Memorial opened to honor the victims
- New security measures became a part of American life as a result



Dangerous Weather

- May 3, 1999: more than 70 tornadoes swept across Oklahoma
- Wind speeds topped 300 mph
- 44 people killed, 800 injured
- 3000 buildings were destroyed, 5000 damaged - \$1 billion in damages
- 2000 & 2002: ice and snow caused widespread property damage
- 2005 & 2006: wildfires damaged thousands of acres and large number of homes



Section 3: Contemporary Oklahoma

➤ Essential Question:

- What conditions affect the economy and citizens of Oklahoma today?



Section 3: Contemporary Oklahoma

- What terms do I need to know?
 - terrorism
 - nanotechnology
 - reserves
 - biomass



Introduction



The War on Terrorism

- September 11, 2001 (9/11): attacks by terrorists on World Trade Center and the Pentagon using hijacked jets
- Another jet was hijacked but crashed in Pennsylvania due to passengers' efforts
- al-Qaida: Islamic terrorist group led by Osama bin Laden found to be responsible
- October 2001: U.S. led United Nations troops into Afghanistan in pursuit of the terrorists (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- General Tommy R. Franks led this attack and the 2003 invasion of Iraq



Economy



Economy: Technology and Research

- Oklahoma's economy more diverse than last century
- Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology works to advance technology use, research, and development in the state
- Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation known for excellent research and development
- Nanotechnology research occurs at the states universities



Economy: Education



Economy: Military Might

- Fort Sill: U.S. Army Field Artillery School, air defense artillery, and armored division
- Other bases: Tinker Air Force Base, Vance Air Force Base, Altus Air Force Base, and McAlester Army Ammunition Plant
- Tinker is largest OK employer
- Oklahoma National Guard has 97 armories
- Aviation business important to support military and civilian aircraft
- 99s Museum of Women Pilots at Will Rogers World Airport
- Efforts underway to develop spaceport in western Oklahoma



Economy: Energy

- New technology allowed access to deeper mineral deposits
- Oil, gas, and coal reserves still abundant
- Pipelines deliver oil to refineries in Oklahoma and Texas
- Wind power and solar energy are emerging energy sources
- Biomass: energy from plant material and animal waste



Economy: Agriculture

- Cattle and wheat continue as top farm products
- Large corporate farms replacing family farms



Economy: The Elements in 2011



Economy: Centennial Celebration



Section 4: Oklahoma's People

➤ Essential Question:

- How are people making a positive difference in the state of Oklahoma?



Introduction



American Indians Today

- 1987: Cherokee Wilma Mankiller, first woman elected leader of the large Cherokee Nation
- 2006: Cheyenne-Arapaho wrote new constitution adding a fourth branch of government: the Tribal Council
- Many tribes added gaming casinos to generate revenue
- Living history experiences found at Indian City, USA and Tahlequah's Tsa-La-Gi Ancient Village



Oklahoma Talent

- Many musically talented Oklahomans in this century
- Five Oklahoma women have won Miss America
- Paul Moore: sculptor of the Land Run Monument in Oklahoma City
- Many actors, authors, and artists have come from the state



Helping Others

- Oklahoma State University has received millions in cash donations to help expand programs for college students
- Weitzenhoffer art collection was another gift to the school
- Fern Holland: known for work in women's rights issues
- Oklahomans have a history of helping each other, helping others, and moving forward





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