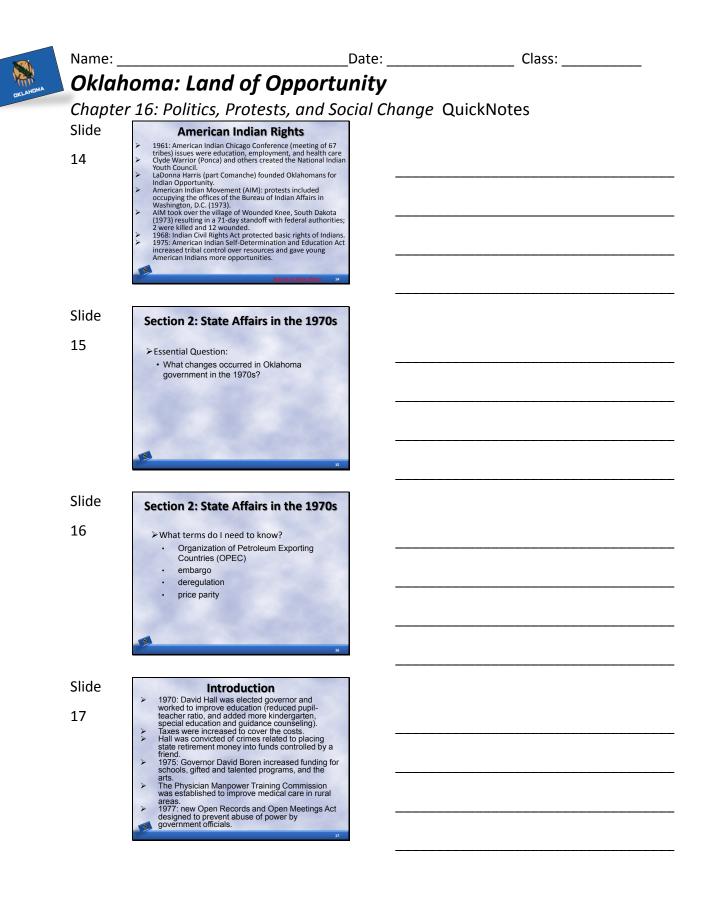


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Chapter 16: Politics, Protests, and Social Change QuickNotes Slide Oil The "Seven Sisters" were American and European oil companies that controlled oil production in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. > 18 production in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. 1946: America began importing more oil than it exported. 1951: Shah of Iran took control of oil production for his country; other nations followed and formed OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries). By the 1970s, OPEC was the dominant power in setting oil production and prices. 1960s: environmentalists began lobbying for cleaner sources of energy, and cleaner drilling and production operations. ۶ ≻ > Slide **Oil Embargo** 1973: Israel was at war with Egypt > OPEC put an embargo against countries supporting Israel, including the U.S., and quadrupled prices. 19 > Fuel shortages were felt across the U.S. Congress lowered the speed limit to > > 55 to conserve energy. Conservation was encouraged; automakers worked on smaller, more fuel-efficient engines for cars. Slide **Oklahoma Wells** Natural gas in Oklahoma was often burned off and not used. 20 Government rules were relaxed to encourage drilling in the state and > production increased (oil and natural gas). These wells were a boost to many small towns and the state's overall  $\triangleright$ economy. Slide **Other Minerals** Zinc and lead mines were closed in 1970 because of concerns over environment damage and safety. 21 Copper was mined from 1965-1975 in Jackson County. Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (1975): laws were designed to protect people and the environment from the bad effects of mining.

