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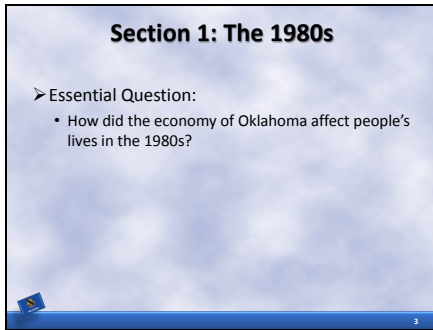
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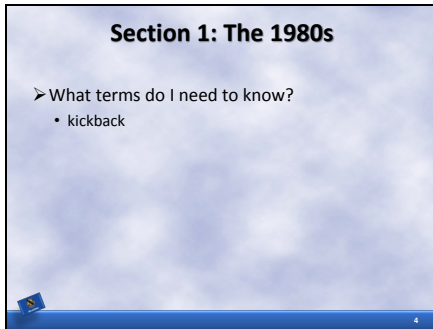
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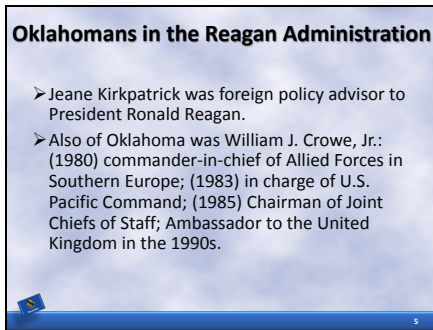
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Oklahoma in the 1980s

- In the 1980s, the state had a flourishing oil business.
- There was also investigation of county commissioners and approval of pari-mutuel betting at horse racetracks.



Skyscrapers such as Oklahoma Tower changed the skyline of Oklahoma City in the 1980s.

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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 were convicted of fraud for taking bribes from companies to make sure the county did business with that company.

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Oklahoma in the 1980s: Economy

- Early 1980s: The economic decline because of a 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.
- In 1983, pari-mutuel betting was approved. It was hoped that betting on horse racing would bring revenue to the state.

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Oklahoma in the 1980s: Small Town Oklahoma

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

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Oklahoma in the 1980s: Oklahoma's Diamond Jubilee

- 1982: Oklahoma celebrated its 75th birthday.
- Many celebrations were held 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.

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Section 2: The 1990s

➤ Essential Question:

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

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➤ What terms do I need to know?

- urban sprawl
- MAPS (Metropolitan Area Projects)

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Introduction

➤ Operation Desert Shield was begun by President George H. W. Bush in August 1990.

➤ Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq, ignored options for peaceful resolution of the conflict.

➤ Operation Desert Storm was known by its bombing of Iraq, led by United States forces.



A F-111 participates in Operation Desert Shield.

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Education Reforms

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

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MAPS

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

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Domestic Terrorism

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

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Dangerous Weather

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



Damage was widespread after the May 1999 tornadoes.



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Section 3: Contemporary Oklahoma

➤ Essential Question:

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

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Section 3: Contemporary Oklahoma

➤ What terms do I need to know?

- terrorism
- nanotechnology
- reserves
- biomass

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The War on Terrorism

➤ September 11, 2001 (9/11): Attacks by terrorists were made on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon using hijacked jets.

➤ Another jet was hijacked but crashed in Pennsylvania due to passengers' efforts.

➤ al-Qaida: An Islamic terrorist group led by Osama bin Laden was found to be responsible.

➤ October 2001: The 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.

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Economy: Technology and Research

➤ Oklahoma's economy is more diverse than in the last century.

➤ The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology works to advance technology use, research, and development in the state.

➤ The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation is known for excellent research and development.

➤ Nanotechnology research occurs at the state's universities.

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Economy: Education

- Janet Barresi was the second woman and first Republican as state superintendent (2011).
- The state adopted the Common Core State Standards.
- There were many technological changes in schools.
- The incorporation of more music was included for student in schools.

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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 the largest OK employer.
- The Oklahoma National Guard has 97 armories.
- The aviation business is important to support military and civilian aircraft.
- The 99s Museum of Women Pilots is at Will Rogers World Airport.
- Efforts are underway to develop a spaceport in western Oklahoma.

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Economy: Energy & Agriculture

- New technology allowed access to deeper mineral deposits.
- Oil, gas, and coal reserves are still abundant.
- Pipelines deliver oil to refineries in Oklahoma and Texas.
- Wind power and solar energy are emerging energy sources.
- Biomass is energy from plant material and animal waste.
- Cattle and wheat continue as top farm products.
- Large corporate farms are replacing family farms.

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Economy: The Elements in 2011

- Twenty-one inches of snow fell during the winter in the northeast.
- A blizzard hit the Oklahoma Panhandle.
- Drought shattered records and wildfires consumed land.
- The hottest summer of any state since records began in 1895 with 118 tornadoes. There were ten twisters in November.
- A 5.6 magnitude earthquake on was felt on November 5.

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Economy: Centennial Celebration

- The state celebrated 100 years of statehood on November 16, 2007.
- Hundreds of events and projects were planned and enjoyed.
- Schools, organizations, towns, and cities joined in to recognize and celebrate.
- Parades were held along with a huge gathering of Oklahoma talent!

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Section 4: Oklahoma's People

➤ Essential Question:

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

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American Indians Today

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

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Oklahoma Talent

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

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Helping Others

- Oklahoma State University has received millions in cash donations to help expand programs for college students.
- [The Weitzenhoffer art collection](#) was another gift to the school.
- Fern Holland is 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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