

## The *Deepwater Horizon* Disaster of 2010

The year 2010 saw an environmental disaster connected to the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word from the word box to learn more about the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig sat over a well drilled in a \_\_\_\_\_ called the

Mississippi Canyon in the \_\_\_\_\_ shelf. The oil company BP was leasing

the rig from an oil drilling company, \_\_\_\_\_. A contractor had installed a

concrete core that was supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ the well for future use. On

April 20, 2010, natural gas surged and blasted through the \_\_\_\_\_ core,

\_\_\_\_\_ it. The natural gas traveled up to the rig's platform and ignited.

The initial \_\_\_\_\_ killed eleven workers and injured seventeen others.

The rig \_\_\_\_\_ on the morning of April 22, 2010. When this happened, it

damaged the \_\_\_\_\_ (a vertical pipe). The drilling mud that had been

\_\_\_\_\_ through the riser was supposed to push down on the oil and

natural gas in the well to keep it from \_\_\_\_\_. With the riser damaged, it

could no longer keep the oil \_\_\_\_\_, and oil began leaking into the water.

Originally, the oil was thought to be coming out of the well at a \_\_\_\_\_ of about 1,000 barrels a day. By the time the leak reached its \_\_\_\_\_, it was \_\_\_\_\_ to be leaking 60,000 barrels a day.

The rig had a fail-safe \_\_\_\_\_ that should have stopped the oil from leaking, but the device \_\_\_\_\_. Additional efforts to stop the leak, such as placing a \_\_\_\_\_ dome over the largest leak and pumping more drilling mud into the well, also failed. Finally, in early June, \_\_\_\_\_ were able to place a loose \_\_\_\_\_ over the well. Some oil still escaped, but the cap allowed BP to \_\_\_\_\_ off some of the oil to a tanker.

In early July, the cap was removed so something more \_\_\_\_\_ could be \_\_\_\_\_. This was completed by July 12, 2010. More steps were taken in August and September to allow cement to be \_\_\_\_\_ into the well in such a way as to \_\_\_\_\_ seal it. It was finally sealed on September 17, 2010.

The oil that \_\_\_\_\_ from the well before it was sealed caused an oil \_\_\_\_\_ that covered more than 57,500 square miles (149,000 square km) of the Gulf of Mexico. In the open water, \_\_\_\_\_ were applied that broke up the oil to make it easier for \_\_\_\_\_ to consume it. Parts of the oil slick were able to be contained, siphoned off, and \_\_\_\_\_.

As early as May, the oil had begun \_\_\_\_\_ beaches in Louisiana. This oil was removed, but the oil that contaminated the marshes and \_\_\_\_\_ in Louisiana could not be removed as \_\_\_\_\_. By June, many beaches in \_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, and Florida had also been contaminated.

Nothing can measure the loss of human life or the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who were injured. There were also \_\_\_\_\_ contamination expenses and \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the economy. Many \_\_\_\_\_ waters in the Gulf of Mexico were closed to fishing for a time, a \_\_\_\_\_ on offshore

drilling left between 8,000 and 12,000 workers \_\_\_\_\_ for a period, and

many in the tourism \_\_\_\_\_ lost work. President Obama demanded

that BP create a \_\_\_\_\_ fund for people impacted by the oil spill.

However, by 2013, the fund was almost \_\_\_\_\_, partly due to a lack

of \_\_\_\_\_ which allowed \_\_\_\_\_ organizations to be

paid for extremely \_\_\_\_\_ claims that were submitted.

President Obama formed the National \_\_\_\_\_ on the BP *Deepwater*

*Horizon* Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling in May 2010 to investigate the \_\_\_\_\_.

They found the fault to be both the \_\_\_\_\_ administration's lack of

\_\_\_\_\_ oversight and BP and their partners' \_\_\_\_\_ and

shortcuts. The Commission also faulted the Obama \_\_\_\_\_ response to

the spill. Many court cases, both \_\_\_\_\_ and civil, were brought as a

\_\_\_\_\_ of the spill and lasted into 2016.

accident	contaminating	explosion	moratorium	siphon
administration's	continental	extraordinary	negligence	slick
bacteria	criminal	failed	Obama	spent,
burned	device	federal	oversight	suffering
cap	dispersants	fracturing	permanent	Transocean
Commission	easily	government	pumped	tremendous
compensation	engineers	industry	regulatory	unemployed
completely	escaped	inflated	result	valley
concrete	escaping	injected	riser	volume
contained	estimated	installed	sank	worst
containment	estuaries	Mississippi	seal	



<p>Approximately where was the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> rig located?</p>	<p>How far below the surface of the water was the actual oil well located that the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> rig was setting over?</p>
<p>How deep did the oil well go?</p>	<p>What was the name of the company that had installed the concrete core to seal the well to be used later?</p>
<p>Had a similar incident happened before to a rig owned by BP? If so, when and where?</p>	<p>About how many miles of shoreline were estimated to have been contaminated by the oil spill?</p>
<p>When did Coast Guard cleanup patrols finally finish working with the beaches in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi? When did they finish in Louisiana?</p>	
<p>Approximately how many whales and dolphins were found stranded by the end of 2015, which was considered a result of the oil spill?</p>	<p>The brown pelican had recently been taken off the list of endangered species. After the spill, about what percentage of the brown pelicans were estimated to have been killed?</p>

## U.S. Compound in Benghazi Attacked in 2012

In 2012, the U.S. compound in Benghazi was attacked. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word from the word box to learn more about the attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi in 2012.

In Libya in the spring of 2011, an uprising \_\_\_\_\_ . The uprising had begun in February 2011 against \_\_\_\_\_ al-Qaddafi, who had ruled Libya for about \_\_\_\_\_ years. It started with anti-government rallies because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of a human rights attorney. Security forces used non-lethal means to try to stop the \_\_\_\_\_, but many were still hurt. As the protests got worse and spread, the government began using \_\_\_\_\_ force. The security forces, backed by \_\_\_\_\_, fired into the crowds and attacked them with \_\_\_\_\_ and artillery on the ground and warplanes and \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_. The government restricted \_\_\_\_\_, blocked the Internet, and interrupted \_\_\_\_\_ service.

As the \_\_\_\_\_ mounted, many countries \_\_\_\_\_ the

actions of the \_\_\_\_\_ . Within the government, many high-ranking

officials \_\_\_\_\_ because they disagreed with the government stance.

There were even Libyan fighter \_\_\_\_\_ who defected rather than bomb

Benghazi as they were \_\_\_\_\_. The protests \_\_\_\_\_,

and the government seemed as though it was losing \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight.

After February 23, 2011, foreign \_\_\_\_\_ began getting into the country to

\_\_\_\_\_ on what was happening for the first time. While many foreign

countries \_\_\_\_\_ to the government's stance, they could not do too

much \_\_\_\_\_. There were still people waiting to be evacuated, and they

needed to be kept \_\_\_\_\_ until they had fled.

Early in March, many \_\_\_\_\_ groups merged under the Transitional

National Council. Their purpose was to lead the \_\_\_\_\_ for the rebels,

help the people in the \_\_\_\_\_ that were held by the rebels, and help get



the country on a path to a \_\_\_\_\_ government. Qaddafi's government began taking the lead again in the \_\_\_\_\_, but the rebels did not give up. Foreign countries tried to get in contact with the \_\_\_\_\_ National Council and find ways to condemn the \_\_\_\_\_ government. One suggestion was to impose a \_\_\_\_\_ zone over Libya, which would stop the air attacks on the rebels. \_\_\_\_\_, the United Kingdom, and other countries supported this approach, but the United States, \_\_\_\_\_, and others did not. Finally, on March 17, 2011, the UN Security Council voted to \_\_\_\_\_ military action, including the no-fly zone. On March 19, 2011, \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ from UN countries attacked in an effort to disable Libya's air force and air \_\_\_\_\_ systems. Fighting between government forces and the rebels continued on the ground, and on March 27, 2011, \_\_\_\_\_ took command of the military \_\_\_\_\_ in Libya.

The U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ to Libya, John Christopher ("Chris") Stevens arrived in \_\_\_\_\_ on April 5, 2011, with the \_\_\_\_\_ of reaching out to the \_\_\_\_\_ rebels. The United Kingdom, France, and Italy said they would send advisers in early April to try to work out a \_\_\_\_\_ plan but stressed that their advisers would not take part in the \_\_\_\_\_. By early September 2011, the rebel forces were in control of \_\_\_\_\_ and began trying to set up a \_\_\_\_\_ government. On October 20, 2011, Qaddafi was found and \_\_\_\_\_ by rebel forces.

Mr. Stevens was \_\_\_\_\_ the U.S. ambassador to Libya in May 2012. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in Tripoli, but on September 10, 2012, he went to the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ in Benghazi to work there. On the night of September 11, 2012, Islamic \_\_\_\_\_ who were thought to be working with al-Qaeda, attacked the compound and set fire to the \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Stevens and technology

specialist Sean Smith hid in a safe \_\_\_\_\_. By the time help arrived, Mr. Smith had died of \_\_\_\_\_, and Mr. Stevens couldn't be found because of the \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Stevens was found later by local Libyans and taken to the \_\_\_\_\_, but he was already dead.

A second \_\_\_\_\_ occurred at the CIA compound nearby, and a third attack occurred there the next \_\_\_\_\_. Mortars were fired into the compound, and two \_\_\_\_\_ agents were killed. Local Libyans who were part of friendly \_\_\_\_\_ took the rest of the Americans to the airport.

As \_\_\_\_\_ into the attacks were conducted, the Obama administration tried to place the \_\_\_\_\_ for the attacks on an anti-Islam video produced and \_\_\_\_\_ on YouTube by an Egyptian-American. This video had caused \_\_\_\_\_ at the U.S. embassy in Cairo. However, no protests connected to this \_\_\_\_\_ had occurred in Libya. Further investigation found the blame

belonged to \_\_\_\_\_ measures that were not sufficient to prevent the attacks or to respond to them \_\_\_\_\_. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton assumed responsibility for the \_\_\_\_\_ in the bureaucracy and put into place all of the \_\_\_\_\_ recommended by the Accountability Review Board.

air	democratic	lethal	Qaddafi
appointed	demonstrations	Libyan	rebel
areas	envoy	mercenaries	reforms
arrest	escalated	militants	report
asphyxiation	failures	military	resigned
attack	fighting	militias	room
authorize	forty	missiles	safe
based	France	morning	security
Benghazi	Germany	Muammar	smoke
blame	government	NATO	tanks
building	ground	new	task
bureaucratic	helicopters	no-fly	telephone
communications	hospital	objected	Transitional
compound	immediately	ordered	Tripoli
condemned	intervention	peace	uprising
continued	investigations	pilots	video
country	journalists	posted	violence
defense	killed	properly	warplanes

Who was Muammar al-Qaddafi? How did he assume leadership in Libya?

Qaddafi's government financed groups around the world, including the Black Panthers and the Nation of Islam in the United States. What types of activities have these groups taken part in in the United States?

Who was John Christopher Stevens? Write a short summary of his life.

There had been five U.S. Ambassadors killed in office between the end of World War II and the time Ambassador Stevens was killed. Who were they, where were they serving, and when did they die?

Had increased security been requested for the Americans in Benghazi? If so, why was it not given?

## Boston Marathon Bombing of 2013

In 2013, a bomb exploded on the course of the Boston Marathon. Follow the directions for finding each letter. For example, if the directions say Across 4, Down 3, (A4-D3), follow the Down row 3 over to Across column 4 and find the letter e. In the instructions, we will use A for Across and D for Down.

Complete the decoding exercise to learn more about the Boston Marathon bombing of 2013.

		Across				
		1	2	3	4	5
Down	1	j	d	i	w	z
	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	x	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

Ever since 1897, the Boston Marathon, the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ marathon  
A2-D5 A3-D2 A3-D2 A1-D2 A2-D5 A2-D2

in the world, has been run on Patriots' Day. The marathon is 26 \_\_\_\_\_  
A5-D3 A3-D1 A2-D2 A4-D3 A5-D5

385 yards (42,195-meters) from Hopkinton to Boston's \_\_\_\_\_ Bay section.  
A4-D5 A2-D5 A4-D4 A1-D3

Historically, the state of Massachusetts \_\_\_\_\_  
A4-D4 A4-D3 A2-D2 A4-D3 A4-D5 A5-D4 A2-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3 A2-D1

Patriots' Day on April 19 of each year in \_\_\_\_\_ of the Battles of  
A5-D3 A4-D3 A5-D3 A3-D3 A5-D4 A4-D2

Lexington and Concord, the \_\_\_\_\_ battles of the American Revolution.  
A3-D5 A3-D1 A5-D4 A5-D5 A1-D4

It was changed to the \_\_\_\_\_ Monday in April in 1969.  
A1-D4 A3-D4 A3-D1 A5-D4 A2-D1

On April 15, 2013, more than 26,000 \_\_\_\_\_ gathered for the  
A5-D4 A1-D2 A3-D2 A3-D2 A4-D3 A5-D4 A5-D5

117th running of the race. The runners \_\_\_\_\_ between 9:00 a.m. and  
A4-D5 A4-D3 A1-D5 A2-D5 A3-D2

10:40 a.m. Many runners had completed the race by \_\_\_\_\_, but there were  
A3-D2 A3-D3 A3-D3 A3-D2

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	3	k	x	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

still thousands of runners continuing to \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon and many  
A5-D4 A2-D5 A4-D4 A4-D3

spectators \_\_\_\_\_ them on.  
A4-D4 A3-D4 A4-D3 A4-D3 A5-D4 A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D5

At about 2:50 p.m., a \_\_\_\_\_ exploded along the course about 100 feet  
A4-D5 A3-D3 A5-D3 A4-D5

(30 meters) from the \_\_\_\_\_ line. About twelve seconds later, a  
A3-D5 A3-D1 A3-D2 A3-D1 A5-D5 A3-D4

\_\_\_\_\_ bomb exploded about 500-600 feet (150-180 meters) from  
A5-D5 A4-D3 A4-D4 A3-D3 A3-D2 A2-D1

the first explosion. More than 260 people were \_\_\_\_\_, and  
A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D1 A1-D2 A5-D4 A4-D3 A2-D1

\_\_\_\_\_ were killed.  
A1-D4 A3-D4 A5-D4 A4-D3 A4-D3

Video of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the bombings were studied, along with photographs  
A5-D5 A3-D1 A1-D4 A4-D3 A5-D5

that had been taken by the \_\_\_\_\_. On April 18, 2013, brothers  
A5-D2 A1-D2 A4-D5 A2-D2 A3-D1 A4-D4

\_\_\_\_\_ Tsarnaev, 26, and his younger brother Dzhokhar,  
A1-D4 A2-D5 A5-D3 A4-D3 A5-D4 A2-D2 A2-D5 A3-D2

19, were said to be \_\_\_\_\_. Later that night, the brothers  
A5-D5 A1-D2 A5-D5 A5-D2 A4-D3 A4-D4 A1-D4 A5-D5

shot and \_\_\_\_\_ a campus police officer and stole a car. The car was  
A1-D3 A3-D1 A2-D2 A2-D2 A4-D3 A2-D1



		Across				
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	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	x	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

spotted by police and \_\_\_\_\_ . A gunfight resulted. Upon capture,  
A4-D4 A3-D4 A2-D5 A5-D5 A4-D3 A2-D1

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed in an accident. \_\_\_\_\_  
A2-D1 A5-D1 A3-D4 A3-D3 A1-D3 A3-D4 A2-D5 A5-D4

escaped. A shelter in place \_\_\_\_\_ was issued for the area while police  
A3-D3 A5-D4 A2-D1 A4-D3 A5-D4

searched for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Finally, during the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
A4-D3 A2-D4 A4-D3 A3-D2 A3-D1 A3-D2 A1-D5

April 19, 2013, the shelter in place order was \_\_\_\_\_ and soon after,  
A2-D2 A3-D1 A3-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3 A2-D1

Dzhokhar, who had been seriously wounded, was found hiding on a \_\_\_\_\_ at  
A4-D5 A3-D3 A2-D5 A1-D4

a \_\_\_\_\_ in Watertown.  
A3-D4 A3-D3 A5-D3 A4-D3

Federal authorities charged Dzhokhar with \_\_\_\_\_ crimes, and a  
A4-D4 A2-D5 A5-D2 A3-D1 A1-D4 A2-D5 A2-D2

grand jury indicted him on \_\_\_\_\_ criminal counts, seventeen of which  
A1-D4 A3-D4 A3-D1 A5-D4 A1-D4 A4-D2

were capital offenses. He pleaded not \_\_\_\_\_ . He was  
A1-D5 A1-D2 A3-D1 A2-D2 A1-D4 A4-D2

convicted in a \_\_\_\_\_ that began in January 2015 and lasted into April. He  
A1-D4 A5-D4 A3-D1 A2-D5 A2-D2

was sentenced to 6 \_\_\_\_\_ sentences, 20 sentences of life in prison, and  
A2-D1 A4-D3 A2-D5 A1-D4 A3-D4

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	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	x	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

4 sentences of 7-25 years. His attorneys filed \_\_\_\_\_, and in July  
A2-D5 A5-D2 A5-D2 A4-D3 A2-D5 A2-D2 A5-D5

2020, the death sentence was overturned. As of the time of publishing this \_\_\_\_\_,  
A1-D2 A3-D2 A3-D1 A1-D4

he is set to \_\_\_\_\_ in a new trial dealing only with whether or not he  
A2-D5 A5-D2 A5-D2 A4-D3 A2-D5 A5-D4

should be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A4-D3 A2-D3 A4-D3 A4-D4 A1-D2 A1-D4 A4-D3 A2-D1



<p>When had Dzhokhar Tsarnaev come to the United States?</p>	<p>When had Tamerlan Tsarnaev come to the United States?</p>
<p>Who requested the FBI to investigate Tamerlan Tsarnaev in 2011?</p>	
<p>What did Tamerlan Tsarnaev do the following year? What did he do when he returned to the United States?</p>	
<p>On what street along the route of the race did the first bomb explode?</p>	<p>At what campus was the police officer killed on April 18, 2013?</p>

In what country had Tamerlan Tsarnaev been born?

In what country had Dzhokhar Tsarnaev been born?

What were the bombs made of?

How was Tamerlan Tsarnaev killed after being captured by police?

How was Dzhokhar Tsarnaev found to be hiding in the boat?

What had three of the friends of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev done that led to them being charged with hindering investigators?

Where had the brothers obtained plans for the bombs?

## United States Presidential Election of 2016

In 2016, the United States again held a presidential election. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word from the word box to learn more about the United States presidential election of 2016.

The political parties involved in the 2015 \_\_\_\_\_ process for President of

the United States had many \_\_\_\_\_ to choose from. The Republican

Party had \_\_\_\_\_ candidates in the early primaries and seemed to be in

a good position to have a \_\_\_\_\_ at the presidency since the Democratic

president had already \_\_\_\_\_ two terms and could not run again.

Although the economy had improved during President Obama's \_\_\_\_\_,

the new jobs were often not full time and the \_\_\_\_\_ from the financial

problems of 2008 was slow. The health program that was his \_\_\_\_\_

program for the country was failing \_\_\_\_\_. The United States seemed to

be losing \_\_\_\_\_ in foreign affairs.

On the \_\_\_\_\_ side, Hillary Clinton seemed to have solid backing from

the Democratic Party but was surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_ by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, a Democratic \_\_\_\_\_. The Democratic Party rules set aside \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the delegates to the Democratic Convention as "superdelegates" who are not chosen by the \_\_\_\_\_ at primaries or \_\_\_\_\_. These people were \_\_\_\_\_ Democrats who backed Hillary Clinton. Senator Sanders had many \_\_\_\_\_ victories, which caused Hillary Clinton to adopt new \_\_\_\_\_ on several policies. Senator Sanders \_\_\_\_\_ out in early July. However, later in July, almost 20,000 emails were \_\_\_\_\_ and released showing Democratic officials \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Sanders and saying they were leaning toward backing Hillary Clinton. The \_\_\_\_\_ that followed caused the resignation of four major people from the Democratic \_\_\_\_\_ Committee.

The Democratic National Convention was very \_\_\_\_\_, with speeches

delivered by many prominent Democrats, including \_\_\_\_\_ Clinton and President and Mrs. Obama. Hillary Clinton chose \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Tim Kaine as her vice-presidential \_\_\_\_\_ mate.

Donald \_\_\_\_\_ ran on the Republican Party ticket even though he had never held a \_\_\_\_\_ office. His \_\_\_\_\_ way of doing things was often ridiculed, but he \_\_\_\_\_ to middle-income voters. Nine

of the other primary \_\_\_\_\_ in the beginning of the primaries were Dr.

Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_, Texas Senator Ted \_\_\_\_\_, Florida

Senator Marco \_\_\_\_\_, former Florida \_\_\_\_\_ Jeb Bush,

Kentucky Senator Rand \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Governor Scott

Walker, New Jersey Governor Chris \_\_\_\_\_, former Arkansas Governor

Mike \_\_\_\_\_, and Ohio Governor John \_\_\_\_\_. Although

Republican Jeb \_\_\_\_\_ had a great deal of backing at the beginning of



the primary process, he dropped out \_\_\_\_\_. Senator Ted Cruz won the \_\_\_\_\_ caucus, the first match-up. However, as Donald Trump won several primary \_\_\_\_\_, including many in the south, Senator Cruz dropped out in early May. There were many \_\_\_\_\_ who did not like Mr. Trump's ways, and this led to a \_\_\_\_\_ of Republicans who considered themselves "\_\_\_\_\_ Trumpers."

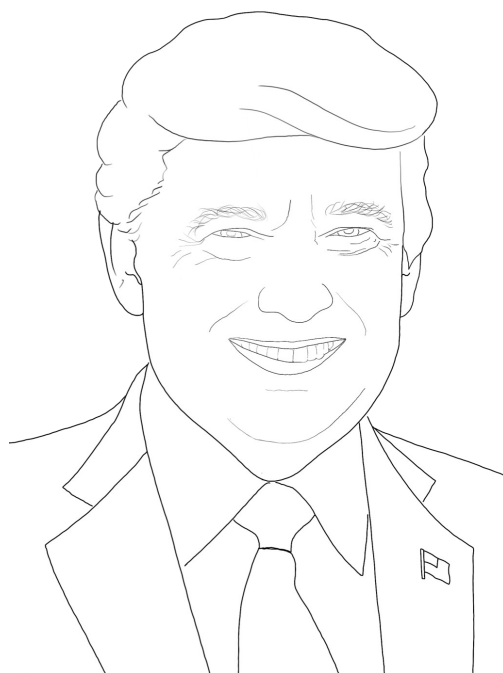
The Republican National \_\_\_\_\_ showed signs of not being united. John Kasich refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the convention. Senator Cruz would not plainly say he was \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Trump. Mr. Trump chose Indiana Governor Mike \_\_\_\_\_ as his vice-presidential running mate.

The campaign was \_\_\_\_\_ with many accusations and mistakes. While Hillary Clinton won three \_\_\_\_\_ according to polls, the crowds at her rallies were smaller and less \_\_\_\_\_ than those at Mr. Trump's. When the

election \_\_\_\_\_ came in on November 8, 2016, Mr. Trump was declared

the new \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.

administration	Democratic	National	Rubio
appealed	dropped	Never	running
attend	early	nominating	scandal
Bill	endorsing	Paul	served
Bush	enthusiastic	Pence	seventeen
candidates	fifteen	people	signature
Carson	financially	political	Socialist
caucuses	Governor	positions	Trump
challenged	grassroots	President	united
chance	group	prominent	unorthodox
Christie	hacked	recovery	victories
contenders	Huckabee	Republicans	Virginia
Convention	influence	results	volatile
Cruz	Iowa	ridiculing	Wisconsin
debates	Kasich		



Give a short summary of the life of New York Senator and former first lady Hillary Clinton, including her political background before becoming a candidate in the Democratic primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Democratic primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, including his political background before becoming a candidate for Vice President in the election of 2016.

Give a short summary of the life of Dr. Benjamin Carson, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Florida Senator Marco Rubio, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Texas Senator Ted Cruz, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Ohio Governor John Kasich, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of former Donald Trump, including his political background before becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries.

Give a short summary of the life of Indiana Governor Mike Pence, including his political background before becoming a candidate for Vice President in the election of 2016.

Where and when was the Democratic National Convention held?

Where and when was the Republican National Convention held?

# United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is Signed in 2018

The year 2018 saw an update to a trade agreement that originally went into effect in 1994. Find each letter in the graph and then write the letter on the line provided. Follow the directions for finding each letter. For example, if the directions say Across 4, Down 3, (A4-D3), follow the Down row 3 over to Across column 4 and find the letter e. In the instructions, we will use A for Across and D for Down.

Complete the decoding exercise to learn more about the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) signed in 2018.

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		1	2	3	4	5
Down	1	j	d	i	w	x
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	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

In January 1994, the North American \_\_\_\_\_ Trade Agreement, often referred to  
A3-D5 A5-D4 A4-D3 A4-D3

as NAFTA, went into effect. Under this agreement, \_\_\_\_\_ on  
A1-D4 A2-D5 A5-D4 A3-D1 A3-D5 A3-D5 A5-D5

many goods produced and \_\_\_\_\_ in North America were gradually eliminated.  
A5-D5 A3-D3 A2-D2 A2-D1

There was a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ to this  
A3-D3 A5-D2 A5-D2 A3-D3 A5-D5 A3-D1 A1-D4 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2

agreement in the United States because of fears it would cause a loss of \_\_\_\_\_  
A1-D1 A3-D3 A4-D5 A5-D5

in America due to an increase in \_\_\_\_\_ from Mexico and a  
A3-D1 A5-D3 A5-D2 A3-D3 A5-D4 A1-D4 A5-D5

movement of production \_\_\_\_\_ to Mexico. Side agreements were  
A5-D2 A2-D2 A2-D5 A3-D2 A1-D4 A5-D5

signed to try to \_\_\_\_\_ these fears.  
A2-D5 A2-D2 A2-D2 A4-D3 A2-D4 A3-D1 A2-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3

In 2017, U.S. President Donald \_\_\_\_\_ announced that he would  
A1-D4 A5-D4 A1-D2 A5-D3 A5-D2



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	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	q	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

renegotiate \_\_\_\_\_ in order to help jobs in the United States and deal with  
A3-D2 A2-D5 A3-D5 A1-D4 A2-D5

other matters. The negotiations \_\_\_\_\_ in August 2017. There was not  
A4-D5 A4-D3 A1-D5 A2-D5 A3-D2

much \_\_\_\_\_ on the agreement in the beginning, with  
A5-D2 A5-D4 A3-D3 A1-D5 A5-D4 A4-D3 A5-D5 A5-D5

President Trump announcing in \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 that there would be import  
A2-D5 A5-D2 A5-D4 A3-D1 A2-D2

tariffs on \_\_\_\_\_ and aluminum from Canada. The Prime Minister of  
A5-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3 A4-D3 A2-D2

\_\_\_\_\_ condemned this action, and there was the threat of a trade  
A4-D4 A2-D5 A3-D2 A2-D5 A2-D1 A2-D5

war.

In \_\_\_\_\_ 2018, an announcement was made that the United States  
A2-D5 A1-D2 A1-D5 A1-D2 A5-D5 A1-D4

and Mexico had reached an agreement on a new \_\_\_\_\_ agreement that  
A1-D4 A5-D4 A2-D5 A2-D1 A4-D3

was much like NAFTA, but with some significant \_\_\_\_\_. Finally,  
A4-D4 A3-D4 A2-D5 A3-D2 A1-D5 A4-D3 A5-D5

on September 30, 2018, Canada agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ the new trade agreement.  
A1-D1 A3-D3 A3-D1 A3-D2

The updated version of NAFTA was \_\_\_\_\_ between the United  
A5-D5 A3-D1 A1-D5 A3-D2 A4-D3 A2-D1

States, \_\_\_\_\_, and Canada, and called USMCA.  
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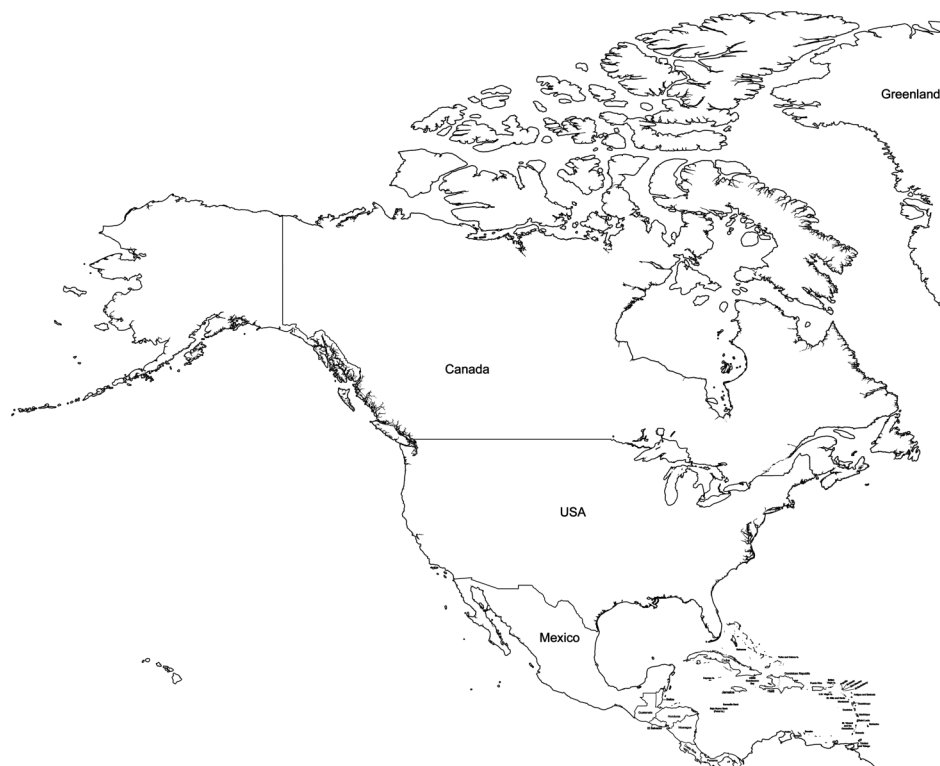
While the tariffs were mainly kept in place, there were new \_\_\_\_\_ that  
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involved automobile manufacturing, \_\_\_\_\_ trade, intellectual  
A2-D1 A3-D1 A1-D5 A3-D1 A1-D4 A2-D5 A2-D2

property \_\_\_\_\_, and the environment.  
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There were also stronger rules to protect \_\_\_\_\_ and other  
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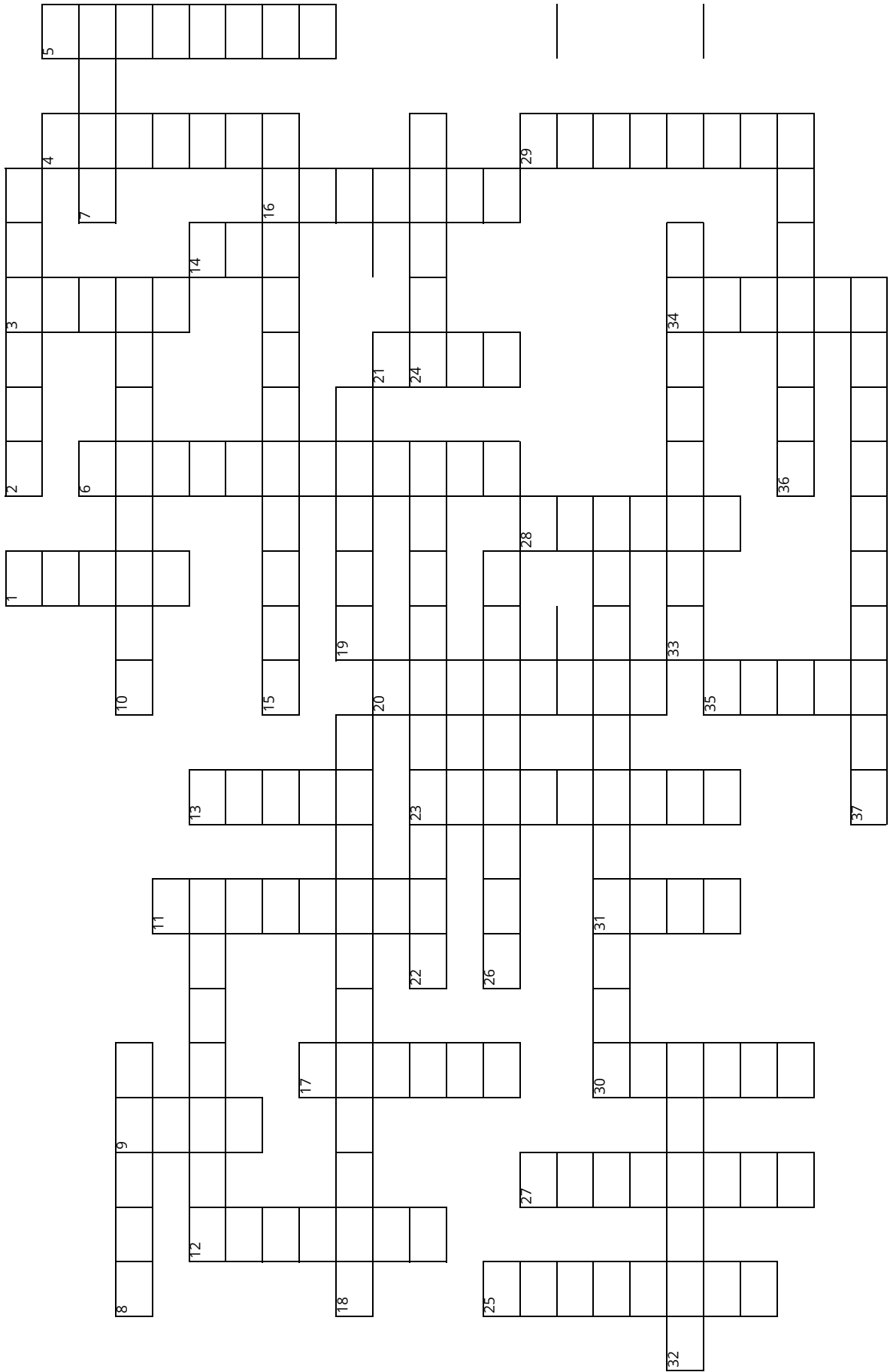
provisions.



<p>Who was President of the United States on December 17, 1992, when NAFTA was originally signed?</p>	<p>Who was the Canadian Prime Minister on December 17, 1992, when NAFTA was originally signed?</p>
<p>Who was President of Mexico on December 17, 1992, when NAFTA was originally signed?</p>	<p>Who was President of the United States in 2018, when the USMCA was signed?</p>
<p>Who was the Canadian Prime Minister in 2018, when the USMCA was signed?</p>	<p>Who was President of Mexico in 2018, when the USMCA was signed?</p>
<p>Under USMCA, what percentage of a car or truck had to be manufactured in North America in order for it to be exempt from tariffs?</p>	<p>When were most of the provisions of USMCA set to go into effect?</p>

# Crossword

Using the clues on the next page, complete the crossword puzzle.



## Across

2. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Scott \_\_\_\_\_
7. took command of the military intervention in Libya on March 27, 2011
8. Donald Trump's vice-presidential running mate in 2016: Mike \_\_\_\_\_
10. twenty-six-year-old suspect in Boston Marathon bombing: \_\_\_\_\_ Tsarnaev
12. Canadian Prime Minister when the USMCA was signed: Justin \_\_\_\_\_
15. valley in the continental shelf where *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig was located: \_\_\_\_\_ Canyon
18. country Tamerlan Tsarnaev was born in (2 words)
19. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Marco \_\_\_\_\_
22. country Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was born in
24. trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico that was signed in 2018
26. Boston Marathon takes place on this historically celebrated holiday in Massachusetts: \_\_\_\_\_ Day
30. applied to oil slick to break it up so bacteria can more easily consume it
32. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Dr. Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_
33. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Mike \_\_\_\_\_
36. U.S. envoy, later ambassador to Libya: John Christopher \_\_\_\_\_
37. oil drilling company that leased *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig to BP

## Down

1. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Donald \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hillary Clinton's vice-presidential running mate in 2016: Tim \_\_\_\_\_
4. ruler of Libya for about 40 years as of February 2011: Muammar al-\_\_\_\_\_
5. street along the route of the Boston Marathon where the first bomb exploded: \_\_\_\_\_ Street
6. name for merged groups of Libyan rebels: \_\_\_\_\_ National Council
9. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Ted \_\_\_\_\_
11. Canadian Prime Minister when NAFTA was originally signed: Brian \_\_\_\_\_
12. city where rebel forces were in control by September 2011
13. President of Mexico when the USMCA was signed: Enrique Peña \_\_\_\_\_
14. in early June, this was placed over the well
16. recently taken off the endangered species list before the spill: brown \_\_\_\_\_
17. President of the United States when NAFTA was originally signed: \_\_\_\_\_ H.W. Bush
20. nineteen-year-old suspect in Boston Marathon bombing: \_\_\_\_\_ Tsarnaev
21. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Jeb \_\_\_\_\_
23. President of Mexico when NAFTA was originally signed: Carlos Salinas de \_\_\_\_\_
25. city where U.S. Ambassador to Libya and others were killed
27. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Chris \_\_\_\_\_
28. Republican primary candidate in 2016: John \_\_\_\_\_
29. Republicans who did not like Mr. Trump's ways called themselves "Never \_\_\_\_\_"
30. President of the United States when the USMCA was signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Trump
31. Republican primary candidate in 2016: Rand \_\_\_\_\_
34. number of workers who died in the *Deepwater Horizon* disaster
35. trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico that went into effect in 1994

# Answer Key

## 2010

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig sat over a well drilled in a valley called the Mississippi Canyon in the continental shelf. The oil company BP was leasing the rig from an oil drilling company, Transocean. A contractor had installed a concrete core that was supposed to seal the well for future use. On April 20, 2010, natural gas surged and blasted through the concrete core, fracturing it. The natural gas traveled up to the rig's platform and ignited. The initial explosion killed eleven workers and injured seventeen others.

The rig sank on the morning of April 22, 2010. When this happened, it damaged the riser (a vertical pipe). The drilling mud that had been injected through the riser was supposed to push down on the oil and natural gas in the well to keep it from escaping. With the riser damaged, it could no longer keep the oil contained, and oil began leaking into the water. Originally, the oil was thought to be coming out of the well at a volume of about 1,000 barrels a day. By the time the leak reached its worst, it was estimated to be leaking 60,000 barrels a day.

The rig had a fail-safe device that should have stopped the oil from leaking, but the device failed. Additional efforts to stop the leak, such as placing a containment dome over the largest leak and pumping more drilling mud into the well, also failed. Finally, in early June, engineers were able to place a loose cap over the well. Some oil still escaped, but the cap allowed BP to siphon off some of the oil to a tanker.

In early July, the cap was removed so something more permanent could be installed. This was completed by July 12, 2010. More steps were taken in August and September to allow cement to be pumped into the well in such a way as to completely seal it. It was finally sealed on September 17, 2010.

The oil that escaped from the well before it was sealed caused an oil slick that covered more than 57,500 square miles (149,000 square km) of the Gulf of Mexico. In the open water, dispersants were applied that broke up the oil to make it easier for bacteria to consume it. Parts of the oil slick were able to be contained, siphoned off, and burned.

As early as May, the oil had begun contaminating beaches in Louisiana. This oil was removed, but the oil that contaminated the marshes and estuaries in Louisiana could not be removed as easily. By June, many beaches in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida had also been contaminated.

Nothing can measure the loss of human life or the suffering of those who were injured. There were also tremendous contamination expenses and extraordinary effects on the economy. Many federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico were closed to fishing for a time, a moratorium on offshore drilling left between 8,000 and 12,000 workers unemployed for a period, and many in the tourism industry lost work. President Obama demanded that BP create a compensation fund for people impacted by the oil spill. However, by 2013, the fund was almost spent, partly due to a lack of oversight which allowed government organizations to be paid for extremely inflated claims that were submitted.

President Obama formed the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

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and Offshore Drilling in May 2010 to investigate the accident. They found the fault to be both the Obama administration's lack of regulatory oversight and BP and their partners' negligence and shortcuts. The Commission also faulted the Obama administration's response to the spill. Many court cases, both criminal and civil, were brought as a result of the spill and lasted into 2016.

## 2012

In Libya in the spring of 2011, an uprising escalated. The uprising had begun in February 2011 against Muammar al-Qaddafi, who had ruled Libya for about forty years. It started with anti-government rallies because of the arrest of a human rights attorney. Security forces used non-lethal means to try to stop the uprising, but many were still hurt. As the protests got worse and spread, the government began using lethal force. The security forces, backed by mercenaries, fired into the crowds and attacked them with tanks and artillery on the ground and warplanes and helicopters from the air. The government restricted communications, blocked the Internet, and interrupted telephone service.

As the violence mounted, many countries condemned the actions of the government. Within the government, many high-ranking officials resigned because they disagreed with the government stance. There were even Libyan fighter pilots who defected rather than bomb Benghazi as they were ordered. The protests continued, and the government seemed as though it was losing ground in the fight.

After February 23, 2011, foreign journalists began getting into the country to report on what was happening for the first time. While many foreign countries objected to the government's stance, they could not do too much immediately. There were still people waiting to be evacuated, and they needed to be kept safe until they had fled.

Early in March, many rebel groups merged under the Transitional National Council. Their purpose was to lead the military for the rebels, help the people in the areas that were held by the rebels, and help get the country on a path to a democratic government. Qaddafi's government began taking the lead again in the country, but the rebels did not give up. Foreign countries tried to get in contact with the Transitional National Council and find ways to condemn the Qaddafi government. One suggestion was to impose a no-fly zone over Libya, which would stop the air attacks on the rebels. France, the United Kingdom, and other countries supported this approach, but the United States, Germany, and others did not. Finally, on March 17, 2011, the UN Security Council voted to authorize military action, including the no-fly zone. On March 19, 2011, warplanes with missiles from UN countries attacked in an effort to disable Libya's air force and air defense systems. Fighting between government forces and the rebels continued on the ground, and on March 27, 2011, NATO took command of the military intervention in Libya.

The U.S. envoy to Libya, John Christopher ("Chris") Stevens arrived in Benghazi on April 5, 2011, with the task of reaching out to the Libyan rebels. The United Kingdom, France, and Italy said they would send advisers in early April to try to work out a peace plan but stressed that their advisers would not take part in the fighting. By early September 2011,



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the rebel forces were in control of Tripoli and began trying to set up a new government. On October 20, 2011, Qaddafi was found and killed by rebel forces.

Mr. Stevens was appointed the U.S. ambassador to Libya in May 2012. He was based in Tripoli, but on September 10, 2012, he went to the U.S. compound in Benghazi to work there. On the night of September 11, 2012, Islamic militants who were thought to be working with al-Qaeda, attacked the compound and set fire to the building. Mr. Stevens and technology specialist Sean Smith hid in a safe room. By the time help arrived, Mr. Smith had died of asphyxiation, and Mr. Stevens couldn't be found because of the smoke. Mr. Stevens was found later by local Libyans and taken to the hospital, but he was already dead.

A second attack occurred at the CIA compound nearby, and a third attack occurred there the next morning. Mortars were fired into the compound, and two security agents were killed. Local Libyans who were part of friendly militias took the rest of the Americans to the airport.

As investigations into the attacks were conducted, the Obama administration tried to place the blame for the attacks on an anti-Islam video produced and posted on YouTube by an Egyptian-American. This video had caused demonstrations at the U.S. embassy in Cairo. However, no protests connected to this video had occurred in Libya. Further investigation found the blame belonged to bureaucratic measures that were not sufficient to prevent the attacks or to respond to them properly. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton assumed responsibility for the failures in the bureaucracy and put into place all of the reforms recommended by the Accountability Review Board.

## 2013

Ever since 1897, the Boston Marathon, the oldest annual marathon in the world, has been run on Patriots' Day. The marathon is 26 miles 385 yards (42,195-meters) from Hopkinton to Boston's Back Bay section. Historically, the state of Massachusetts celebrated Patriots' Day on April 19 of each year in memory of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolution. It was changed to the third Monday in April in 1969.

On April 15, 2013, more than 26,000 runners gathered for the 117<sup>th</sup> running of the race. The runners began between 9:00 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. Many runners had completed the race by noon, but there were still thousands of runners continuing to race in the afternoon and many spectators cheering them on.

At about 2:50 p.m., a bomb exploded along the course about 100 feet (30 meters) from the finish line. About twelve seconds later, a second bomb exploded about 500-600 feet (150-180 meters) from the first explosion. More than 260 people were injured, and three were killed.

Video of the sites of the bombings were studied, along with photographs that had been taken by the public. On April 18, 2013, brothers Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, and his younger

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brother Dzhokhar, 19, were said to be suspects. Later that night, the brothers shot and killed a campus police officer and stole a car. The car was spotted by police and chased. A gunfight resulted. Upon capture, Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed in an accident. Dzhokhar escaped. A shelter in place order was issued for the area while police searched for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Finally, during the evening of April 19, 2013, the shelter in place order was lifted and soon after, Dzhokhar, who had been seriously wounded, was found hiding on a boat at a home in Watertown.

Federal authorities charged Dzhokhar with capital crimes, and a grand jury indicted him on thirty criminal counts, seventeen of which were capital offenses. He pleaded not guilty. He was convicted in a trial that began in January 2015 and lasted into April. He was sentenced to 6 death sentences, 20 sentences of life in prison, and 4 sentences of 7-25 years. His attorneys filed appeals, and in July 2020, the death sentence was overturned. As of the time of publishing this unit, he is set to appear in a new trial dealing only with whether or not he should be executed.

## 2016

The political parties involved in the 2015 nominating process for President of the United States had many candidates to choose from. The Republican Party had seventeen candidates in the early primaries and seemed to be in a good position to have a chance at the presidency since the Democratic president had already served two terms and could not run again. Although the economy had improved during President Obama's administration, the new jobs were often not full time and the recovery from the financial problems of 2008 was slow. The health program that was his signature program for the country was failing financially. The United States seemed to be losing influence in foreign affairs.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton seemed to have solid backing from the Democratic Party but was surprisingly challenged by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, a Democratic Socialist. The Democratic Party rules set aside fifteen percent of the delegates to the Democratic Convention as "superdelegates" who are not chosen by the people at primaries or caucuses. These people were prominent Democrats who backed Hillary Clinton. Senator Sanders had many grassroots victories, which caused Hillary Clinton to adopt new positions on several policies. Senator Sanders dropped out in early July. However, later in July, almost 20,000 emails were hacked and released showing Democratic officials ridiculing Senator Sanders and saying they were leaning toward backing Hillary Clinton. The scandal that followed caused the resignation of four major people from the Democratic National Committee.

The Democratic National Convention was very united, with speeches delivered by many prominent Democrats, including Bill Clinton and President and Mrs. Obama. Hillary Clinton chose Virginia Senator Tim Kaine as her vice-presidential running mate.

Donald Trump ran on the Republican Party ticket even though he had never held a political office. His unorthodox way of doing things was often ridiculed, but he appealed to

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middle-income voters. Nine of the other primary contenders in the beginning of the primaries were Dr. Benjamin Carson, Texas Senator Ted Cruz, Florida Senator Marco Rubio, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, and Ohio Governor John Kasich. Although Republican Jeb Bush had a great deal of backing at the beginning of the primary process, he dropped out early. Senator Ted Cruz won the Iowa caucus, the first match-up. However, as Donald Trump won several primary victories, including many in the south, Senator Cruz dropped out in early May. There were many Republicans who did not like Mr. Trump's ways, and this led to a group of Republicans who considered themselves "Never Trumpers."

The Republican National Convention showed signs of not being united. John Kasich refused to attend the convention. Senator Cruz would not plainly say he was endorsing Mr. Trump. Mr. Trump chose Indiana Governor Mike Pence as his vice-presidential running mate.

The campaign was volatile with many accusations and mistakes. While Hillary Clinton won three debates according to polls, the crowds at her rallies were smaller and less enthusiastic than those at Mr. Trump's. When the election results came in on November 8, 2016, Mr. Trump was declared the new President of the United States.

## 2018

In January 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement, often referred to as NAFTA, went into effect. Under this agreement, tariffs on many goods produced and sold in North America were gradually eliminated. There was a great deal of opposition to this agreement in the United States because of fears it would cause a loss of jobs in America due to an increase in imports from Mexico and a movement of production plants to Mexico. Side agreements were signed to try to alleviate these fears.

In 2017, U.S. President Donald Trump announced that he would renegotiate NAFTA in order to help jobs in the United States and deal with other matters. The negotiations began in August 2017. There was not much progress on the agreement in the beginning, with President Trump announcing in April 2018 that there would be import tariffs on steel and aluminum from Canada. The Prime Minister of Canada condemned this action, and there was the threat of a trade war.

In August 2018, an announcement was made that the United States and Mexico had reached an agreement on a new trade agreement that was much like NAFTA, but with some significant changes. Finally, on September 30, 2018, Canada agreed to join the new trade agreement. The updated version of NAFTA was signed between the United States, Mexico, and Canada, and called USMCA.

While the tariffs were mainly kept in place, there were new rules that involved automobile manufacturing, digital trade, intellectual property protections, and the environment. There were also stronger rules to protect workers and other provisions.



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