**Clinton Presidency Cloze Note**

In the Vocabulary section of this there are blanks next to the vocab words. In the blank on the left write a #1 if you know this term. Write #2 if you heard of it but do not know it very well. Write a #3 if you have never heard of the term. Then on the second section you will read the sentences and try to fill in the blanks with your best estimated guess. Blanks may not necessarily be filled with the Vocabulary words but those words could be used and repeated. If you do not know it skip it, come back to it, and make sure you write something for every blank. When you are finished then go back to the Vocabulary section and in the blanks on the right, write down #1, #2, or #3 as you did in the blanks on the left and hopefully your understanding of these terms will improve when this assignment is complete.

**Vocabulary**

\_\_\_\_\_ William Jefferson Clinton \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Newt Gingrich \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ H. Ross Perot \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Kenneth Starr \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Brady Bill \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Impeachment \_\_\_\_

**1992 Election**

Twelve years after the Reagan Revolution, Americans were ready for a change in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Democrats nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, governor of Arkansas, to run against President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 1992 election. Texas billionaire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who ran as an independent. Clinton won the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Democrats retained control of both houses of congress.

**Clinton’s Domestic Policies**

Early in his presidency, Clinton focused on domestic issues. He signed the Family Medical Leave Act, which guaranteed most fulltime employees unpaid leave each year for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Clinton also oversaw passage of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which placed a five-day waiting period on sales of handguns. Violence was haunting the nation. Another important issue for Clinton was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reform. Clinton’s wife, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, led a task force to investigate ways to guarantee healthcare for all Americans. The committee’s proposal never won congressional support and was ultimately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In 1995, Americans were horrified by the bombing of a government building in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that killed 168 people and injured more than 800 others. This was committed by anti-government extremists. New laws were passed to deter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and impose stiffer penalties. In 1999, there was a shooting at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High School in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where two heavily armed students killed 12 students, one teacher, and wounded 24 others.

**The Republicans Galvanize**

In the 1994 midterm elections, Georgia congressman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led the opposition to President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He galvanized Republicans around his Contract With America, a plan that attacked big \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and emphasized patriotism and traditional values. Winning the votes of Americans who felt the federal government was too big, too wasteful, and too liberal, Republicans captured the House, Senate, and most state governorships. Once in office, Republicans passed much of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ program. Two years later, Clinton was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by a wide margin, although Congress remained under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ control.

**Scandals, Impeachment, and Trial**

President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had dodged scandals from his first day in office. One concerned investments the Clintons had made. Special prosecutor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ investigated the case for seven years but failed to uncover evidence of the Clinton’s guilt. In the process, however, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ investigated the President’s relationship with a White House \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When Clinton admitted he had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the affair under oath, Starr recommended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proceedings. The House of Representatives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clinton on the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. Clinton was tried and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the Senate in February 1999.