

U.S. History
Short Presidencies of the 1970s

Use the CCHS databases to answer the following questions about Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter:

1. What year did Gerald Ford become president? What were two things that made his presidency unique?

2. What did Gerald Ford do in 1974 that angered many Americans? Why did he do it?

3. Why did the American people choose Jimmy Carter over incumbent Gerald Ford in 1976?

4. What was Jimmy Carter's most important foreign policy achievement? What foreign policy disaster occurred during his presidency?

5. What was Jimmy Carter's energy policy? Why did this prove to be a problem for him?

6. What was SALT II and why did it fail?

7. Why was Ronald Reagan able to defeat Jimmy Carter in a landslide victory?