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RECAPTURING LEADERSHIP READING GUIDE

While reading through the essay "Recapturing Leadership: The Carter Administration and the Crisis of Confidence" by Robert Strong, answer the reading questions below.

1. According to the author, what national and global problems were the United States experiencing throughout the 1970s?

2. According to the essay, what were the three "paths" that led to the Camp David domestic summit?

3. Who was Patrick Caddell and why was he important to President Carter's 1979 address to the nation?

4. According to the essay, what were some of the main reasons that Americans were experiencing a “crisis of confidence”?

5. Do you think Strong believes Jimmy Carter was an effective or ineffective president? Why do you think so?

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CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE QUESTION GUIDE

While listening to President Jimmy Carter's 1979 address to the nation, follow along on the provided transcript and answer the questions below.

1. What was President Carter's tone during the speech?

2. After hearing the citizen's remarks to the president at Camp David, what statements stood out to you and why?

3. Between the 8:11 - 19:48, President Carter goes into detail about what America's "crisis of confidence." What three statements stood out to you and why?

4. What emotions or attitudes do you think President Carter was trying to evoke from the American public with his speech?

5. In your own words, describe what President Carter meant by “crisis of confidence.”

6. According to President Carter, what are the American values that he believes has been lost over the past generations?

7. After listening to President Carter’s speech, how do you see his remarks about America reflected in today’s society?



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CONNECTING THE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE TO SPORT

After watching the video clips from Olympics.com and ABC News and reading through the three newspaper articles, complete the questions below.

1. Before watching the news clip or reading the newspaper stories, how do you see politics and sports being intertwined with one another?

2. What were the important facts you wrote down from the ABC News video and why did you select these facts?

3. What were the sentences you highlighted in the news stories and why?

4. Based on the ABC news clip and the newspaper articles, what was the atmosphere like in Lake Placid following the “Miracle on Ice” hockey game?

5. Why do you think that politics affected the world’s view of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid?

6. How do you see President Carter’s 1979 “Crisis of Confidence” speech reflected in the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, specifically the “Miracle on Ice” hockey game?
