***1980-85 Notes***

**Sandra Day O’Connor**

* July 7, 1981
* First woman in the Supreme Court
* Retired in 2005
* Currently three women on Supreme Court

**Reagan Revolution**

* Return to conservative government policy
* Cut taxes
* Supply-side economics
* Military build-up and active goal of eliminating communism
* Increased national debt and GDP

**Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)**

* March 23, 1983
* Goal was to protect from nuclear weapons
* Nicknamed “Star Wars”
* Criticized for being unrealistic
* Some benefits from program passed on

**Eruption of Mt. St. Helens**

* May 18, 1980
* Washington state
* 57 people killed

[Explosion blew apart 1,314 ft. of mountain, decreasing it to 8,363 ft](../../../Videos/US%20History/1945+/Mt%20St.%20Helens%20blast%20and%20landslide%20recreation.mov.mp4)

**PC Introduced**

* August 12, 1981
* Made by IBM
* 16kB RAM
* Had first DOS program