Interview

**Choose** from the following options:

**Option 1: Reagan Remembered Interview**

**Conduct** an interview with someone who remembers Ronald Reagan and the 1980s.

* Identify someone who would be willing to share their recollections with you.
* Arrange the interview at least several days in advance to allow your interviewee time to prepare.

**Formulate** questions based around each of the following topics, and interview your person to obtain answers for each. Doing your own background research may help to keep the interview moving forward.

* Economic policies
* Principles of the New Right
* Iran Contra affair
* Social security and other social programs
* Raising the debt
* Military spending
* Cutting the size of the government
* Attempted assassination
* Hostages coming home
* Religious Right
* Supply-side economics
* Tea Party movement roots during the Reagan period

**Option 2: Political Commentator Interview**

**Write** the transcript of an interview with Ronald Reagan as if you were a Sunday morning political commentator and Ronald Reagan were alive today.

**Watch** “Ronald Reagan Presidency and Television”, on this week’s Electronic Reserve Readings page

**Formulate** questions based on each of the following topics and then write the answers that you believe Reagan would have given. Use at least some of Reagan’s original language in answering your questions.

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