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on the nation. In this article, we will take a look back at Bush's presidency and examine how it affected the lives of Americans.



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The 9/11 Attacks

The most significant event of Bush's presidency was the 9/11 terrorist attacks. On September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four airplanes and flew them into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks, and the nation was forever changed.

In the aftermath of 9/11, Bush launched the War on Terror. He invaded Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were costly in terms of both lives and money. They also led to a rise in anti-American sentiment around the world.

The Great Recession

The Great Recession began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009. It was the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. The

recession was caused by a number of factors, including the subprime mortgage crisis and the collapse of the housing market.

The Great Recession had a devastating impact on the American economy. Millions of people lost their jobs, and many businesses were forced to close. The recession also led to a decline in home values and a rise in foreclosures.

Bush's Domestic Policies

In addition to his foreign policy initiatives, Bush also implemented a number of domestic policies. These policies included tax cuts, education reform, and Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Bush's tax cuts were designed to stimulate the economy. The cuts were controversial, however, because they primarily benefited wealthy Americans.

Bush's education reform initiative, No Child Left Behind, was designed to improve the quality of education in the United States. The initiative was controversial, however, because it placed a heavy emphasis on standardized testing.

Bush's Medicare prescription drug coverage was designed to help seniors afford prescription drugs. The coverage was controversial, however, because it was expensive and it did not cover all prescription drugs.

Bush's Legacy

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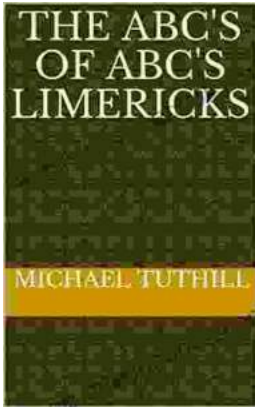
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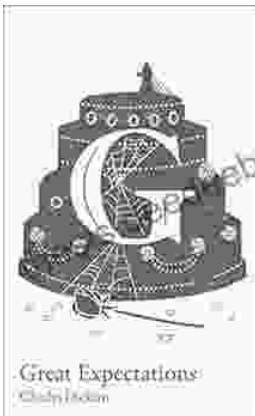
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