Worksheet 13.1
The Iranian Hostage Crisis

Read this extract and then answer the questions below.

Questions:
1. How were events in Iran in 1953 affected by Cold War politics?
2. What was the impact of US intervention on the development of Iranian politics after this date?
3. Why did a revolution in Iran take place in 1979?
4. Why can Carter be blamed, according to this article, for making the situation worse?
5. What actions did Carter take against Iran after the hostages in the US Embassy had been taken?
6. What was the impact of the Iranian crisis on:
   - US prestige?
   - President Carter?
   - The new Iranian government?

Click here to read about the US reactions to the crisis. What do these reactions reveal about the pressures on Carter during that time?