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## Read Between the Lines

Students read the excerpt below from February 6, 1985, President Ronald Reagan's fifth State of the Union Address, the first of his second term. Then answer the questions that follow.

"We must stand by all our democratic allies. And we must not break faith with those who are risking their lives - on every continent, from Afghanistan to Nicaragua - to defy Soviet supported aggression and secure rights which have been ours from birth. The Sandinista dictatorship of Nicaragua, with full Cuban-Soviet bloc support, not only persecutes its people, the church, and denies a free press, but arms and provides bases for Communist terrorists attacking neighboring states. Support for freedom fighters is self-defense and totally consistent with the OAS and U.N. Charters. It is essential that the Congress continue all facets of our assistance to Central America. I want to work with you to support the democratic forces whose struggle is tied to our own security. ...History is asking us once again to be a force for good in the world. Let us begin in unity, with justice, and love..."

1. What words and details did President Reagan use that shows how he appeals to the culture of American people?

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2. Why does President Reagan mention Afghanistan in particular?

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3. What government plan was revealed in this speech and in these words?

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