

CHAPTER 1

What Shaped Our World?

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. A person born in Europe during the early 1800s and surviving into adulthood experienced which of the following?
 - a. The breakup of European empires.
 - b. The economic depression and stagnant economic growth.
 - c. Constant large-scale war between great powers.
 - d. A period of expanding democracy.
 - e. A period of rapid economic growth.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Page 3 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Factual

2. The world as a meaningful political and economic unit emerged:
 - a. when the Roman Republic first became the Roman Empire.
 - b. with the first successful unification of China.
 - c. sometime after 1500.
 - d. during the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union.
 - e. after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Page 5 TOP: Emergence of the Modern State MSC: Factual

3. Which of the following is NOT an example of mercantilism?
 - a. The Spanish monarchy's control of the gold and silver mines in Latin American colonies.
 - b. The Dutch East Indies Company.
 - c. European countries preferring to import only input goods and not finished products.
 - d. Virginian tobacco farmers selling their product to England.
 - e. Britain's repeal of the Corn Laws.

ANS: E DIF: Difficult REF: Pages 5–6 TOP: Mercantilism MSC: Applied

4. Under mercantilism, a country wishing to expand would best start by:
- a. forming a common market, or mercantile, among countries in the region.
 - b. encouraging its colonial territories to produce finished products.
 - c. withdrawing its diplomats from its adversaries' capitals.
 - d. building up its military power.
 - e. creating equitable terms of trade with its economic rivals.

ANS: D DIF: Difficult REF: Pages 5–6 TOP: Mercantilism MSC: Conceptual

5. Terms of trade refers to:
- a. the economic demands made by empires on their colonies.
 - b. the contracts written up between importers and exporters to eliminate misunderstandings between trading partners.
 - c. the level of difficulty of transporting goods between different countries.
 - d. the vocabulary used by importers and exporters.
 - e. the prices paid by a country for imports and what it receives in return for exports.

ANS: E DIF: Easy REF: Page 6 TOP: Mercantilism MSC: Factual

6. Mercantilist policies in Britain's American colonies:
- a. cost Southern tobacco farmers less than the average American farmer.
 - b. cost much more per American than the benefits they received from Britain.
 - c. cost Americans much less than the benefits they received from the British.
 - d. created costs that were evenly shared by all colonists.
 - e. were a relatively small burden per person, considering the overall cost to Britain of protecting the colonies.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Pages 5–6 TOP: Mercantilism MSC: Factual

7. With which statement would a mercantilist disagree?
- a. "Wealth is power, and power is wealth."
 - b. "Foreign trade produces riches, riches produce power, and power preserves our trade and religion."
 - c. "Our colonies depend on our navy, our trade depends on our colonies, and our trade allows the state to maintain armies, increase the population, and provide for ever more glorious and useful functions."
 - d. "The colonies held by European powers are burdensome."
 - e. "State-sanctioned monopolies are healthy for the economy."

ANS: D DIF: Difficult REF: Page 6 TOP: Mercantilism | British Hegemony MSC: Applied

8. The Peace of Westphalia in 1648:

- a. established British hegemony.
- b. marked the end of the Napoleonic Wars.
- c. marked the beginning of the modern system of states.
- d. promoted the Industrial Revolution.
- e. created equitable terms of trade.

ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: Page 8 TOP: Emergence of the Modern State MSC: Factual

9. The Peace of Westphalia in 1648 did NOT:

- a. stabilize the borders of participants in the Thirty Years' War.
- b. attempt to resolve any of the religious conflicts between states.
- c. call on states not to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.
- d. establish sovereignty of states.
- e. make war illegal.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Page 8 TOP: Emergence of the Modern State MSC: Factual

10. The sixteenth through eighteenth centuries were characterized by

- a. European states trying to overpower each other.
- b. peace and the dominance of one major European power.
- c. peace and the dominance of a few European powers.
- d. the rise of non-European powers through colonialism.
- e. liberalization of trading policies amongst European and African states

ANS: A DIF: Moderate REF: Page 10 TOP: Mercantilism MSC: Applied

11. The great European powers cooperated more and fought less during the nineteenth century, in part because of:

- a. the invention of new weapons that made war more costly.
- b. international institutions that prevented wars from occurring.
- c. the decline of the Ottoman Empire.
- d. the unification of Germany.
- e. increasingly free trade between countries.

ANS: E DIF: Difficult REF: Pages 10–12 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Applied

12. During the nineteenth century, the Great Powers of Europe had a common interest in:

- a. opposing revolutionary movements throughout Europe.
- b. allowing Russia to conquer neighboring parts of the declining Ottoman Empire.
- c. promoting democracy throughout Europe.
- d. continuing their own mercantilist practices.
- e. opposing absolutist monarchies throughout Europe.

ANS: A DIF: Medium REF: Pages 10–12 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Applied

13. When European colonialism began in the sixteenth century:

- a. the largest cities in the world were all found in Europe.
- b. the colonizers benefited from rapid industrialization.
- c. European technology was centuries ahead of anywhere else in the world.
- d. Europeans thought of Asia as being filled with powerful rivals.
- e. economic activity in the rest of the world was stagnant.

ANS: B DIF: Difficult REF: Page 9 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Conceptual

14. Which of these countries had global hegemonic influence in the nineteenth century?

- a. Japan.
- b. England.
- c. The United States.
- d. France.
- e. Spain.

ANS: B DIF: Easy REF: Page 12 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Factual

15. A major change in the balance of power within nineteenth-century Europe was spurred by:

- a. the unification and growth of Germany.
- b. the unification of China.
- c. the rise of the Ottoman Empire.
- d. the war between Russia and Japan.
- e. the withdrawal of England from active intervention in European politics.

ANS: A DIF: Moderate REF: Page 11 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Factual

16. In the nineteenth century, England promoted international economic stability by:

- a. building up its army, rather than its navy.
- b. withdrawing from active intervention in world politics.
- c. refusing to repeal the Corn Laws.

- d. going off the gold standard frequently.
- e. leading the world in promoting free trade.

ANS: E DIF: Easy REF: Pages 11–12 TOP: British Hegemony MSC: Applied

17. The Corn Laws:

- a. were British labor regulations for farmers.
- b. were mandates on household consumption of grain in Britain.
- c. were British tax credits for manufactured goods.
- d. were British tariffs on imported grain.
- e. created poverty reduction programs for British agricultural workers.

ANS: D DIF: Easy REF: Page 12 TOP: Mercantilism | Trade MSC: Factual

18. All of the following led to increasingly globalized world trade in the nineteenth century EXCEPT:

- a. use of steamships.
- b. growth of railroads.
- c. creation of new colonies in Africa.
- d. invention of the telegraph.
- e. adoption of the gold standard.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Pages 11–12 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Applied

19. A country “on” the gold standard:

- a. could print as much paper money as it needed.
- b. used only gold to make purchases.
- c. used only gold coins.
- d. promised to exchange its currency for gold at an established rate.
- e. had its loans from other countries guaranteed by gold.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 13 TOP: Gold Standard MSC: Factual

20. What did NOT increase under Pax Britannica?

- a. Investment.
- b. Immigration.
- c. International trade.
- d. The capacity for communication.
- e. Wars among the major European powers.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Page 10 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Factual

21. Which of the following statements regarding colonialism is NOT true?
- a. Colonial expansion by European countries renewed significantly after 1870.
 - b. Nationalist sentiment within European countries encouraged colonialism.
 - c. European countries had colonized all parts of Africa by 1890.
 - d. Europeans' desire for more markets and resources contributed to the rush for colonies.
 - e. Rising major powers such as Germany and Japan sparked competition for colonies.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Pages 13–14 TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics MSC: Applied

22. By the early twentieth century, the balance of power between major countries was most affected by:
- a. the continued isolation of Japan.
 - b. the rise of the Austro-Hungarian empire.
 - c. the rise of the Ottoman Empire.
 - d. the persistent isolation of the United States.
 - e. the unification of Germany.

ANS: E DIF: Easy REF: Page 15 TOP: Twentieth-Century History MSC: Factual

23. After World War I:
- a. the German economy rebounded relatively quickly.
 - b. the United Nations was created to avoid another war.
 - c. the League of Nations was created to avoid another war.
 - d. few new countries became independent.
 - e. the Austrian and Ottoman empires survived until the next war.

ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: Page 20 TOP: Interwar Period MSC: Factual

24. A consequence of World War I was:
- a. the consolidation of European empires.
 - b. rapid decolonization of areas of the British and French empires.
 - c. deflation in the largest European economies.
 - d. a successful Communist revolution in Russia.
 - e. decreasing support for right-wing groups in Italy.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 20 TOP: World War I MSC: Factual

25. With regard to the “war debts–reparations tangle”:

- a. France and England stopped insisting that Germany repay its loans.
- b. France and England insisted that the United States repay loans made before World War I.
- c. the United States stopped insisting that France and England repay loans made during World War I.
- d. the United States insisted that the French and Germans repay loans made during World War I.
- e. Germany had no difficulty paying the reparations it agreed to at the conclusion of World War I.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 21 TOP: Interwar Period MSC: Factual

26. Which of the following did NOT characterize the interwar period?

- a. The United States dramatically increased liberalization throughout the globe.
- b. France and Germany clashed diplomatically.
- c. Russia became isolated.
- d. The Austro-Hungarian empire dissolved into a series of small states.
- e. The French and British were weaker after the war.

ANS: D DIF: Easy REF: Pages 20–21 TOP: Interwar Period MSC: Factual

27. Which of the following increased during the Great Depression?

- a. Economic activity.
- b. Protectionism.
- c. Industrial production.
- d. Liberalization.
- e. Globalization.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: Page 21 TOP: Interwar Period MSC: Factual

28. After World War II, the United States and Western Europe:

- a. increased tariffs and other forms of protection.
- b. sought to create a single, common market between the two regions.
- c. sought to increase their security through the Warsaw Pact.
- d. rejected calls to return to a gold standard–based currency system.
- e. collaborated in implementing the Bretton Woods system.

ANS: E DIF: Difficult REF: Page 23 TOP: Bloc Consolidation MSC: Factual

29. Which of the following is NOT an explanation for the commencement of the Cold War?

- a. The United Nations was immediately viewed as a pro–United States organization, so the Soviet Union refused to cooperate at all with it.
- b. Since there were only two superpowers, it was inevitable that they would compete for influence in Europe.
- c. Disagreements were inevitable between a capitalist democracy and a communist one-party system.
- d. Interactions between the United States and the Soviet Union became hostile and suspicious.
- e. Each viewed the other as a threat to its allies in Europe.

ANS: A DIF: Easy REF: Pages 22–24 TOP: Bloc Consolidation MSC: Conceptual

30. As the Cold War began, the United States opposed Soviet influence by all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. creating regional security alliances.
- b. providing economic aid to Western Europe.
- c. helping Japan and Germany rebuild their economies.
- d. promoting free trade among Western countries.
- e. providing military aid to countries in Eastern Europe.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Pages 23–24 TOP: Bloc Consolidation MSC: Applied

31. The United States and its allies created international institutions at the end of World War II:

- a. because World War II had ended inconclusively.
- b. in response to institutions created by the Soviet Union.
- c. in order to create a stable free-trade economic system.
- d. to increase control over their colonies.
- e. because international institutions had been effective before the war.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Page 23 TOP: Bloc Consolidation MSC: Conceptual

32. The Bretton Woods system sought to reduce protection on goods exchanged between countries with the:

- a. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
- b. International Monetary Fund.
- c. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- d. Council for Mutual Economic Assistance.
- e. Marshall Plan.

ANS: A DIF: Easy REF: Page 23 TOP: Bretton Woods MSC: Factual

33. After World War II, the Bretton Woods–based economic system:

- a. tied participating currencies to the U.S. dollar.
- b. reduced commitments to social welfare programs.
- c. reduced the scope of unemployment insurance.
- d. increased the level of trade barriers in the developing world.
- e. allowed for floating currency regimes.

ANS: A DIF: Moderate REF: Page 24 TOP: Bretton Woods MSC: Factual

34. Which of the following institutions is a member of the Bretton Woods system?

- a. European Union.
- b. North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- c. United Nations.
- d. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.
- e. International Monetary Fund.

ANS: E DIF: Easy REF: Page 24 TOP: Bretton Woods MSC: Factual

35. Which of the following statements about nuclear weapons is true?

- a. The Soviet Union initially had more nuclear weapons than the United States.
- b. Nuclear weapons were ultimately unimportant in the Cold War competition between the Soviet Union and United States.
- c. There was never a real possibility that the United States or the Soviet Union would use their nuclear weapons.
- d. The Soviet Union did not have enough nuclear weapons to attack the United States or its allies.
- e. The United States and the Soviet Union's nuclear capabilities effectively prevented both countries from attacking each other.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Page 25 TOP: Bloc Consolidation MSC: Factual

36. In the decades after World War II the Soviet Union did all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. create a military alliance with countries in Eastern Europe.
- b. promote economic cooperation between its own allies.
- c. establish military cooperation with China.
- d. oppose the independence of colonies in the developing world.
- e. compete with the United States for allies in the developing world.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Pages 24–26 TOP: Bloc Consolidation MSC: Applied

37. Why did the United States fight “proxy wars” during the Cold War?

- a. Since it did not have the military capability to launch a direct attack on the Soviet Union, the United States attacked Soviet allies.
- b. The conflict in Vietnam proved the effectiveness of indirect attacks on Soviet allies.
- c. The United States thought fighting wars “by proxy” would be cheaper.
- d. The United States hoped it could surprise the Soviet Union by not directly attacking it.
- e. The United States feared a devastating war if it directly attacked the Soviet Union.

ANS: E DIF: Difficult REF: Page 27 TOP: Decolonization MSC: Conceptual

38. Which of the following statements about United States intervention during the Cold War is true?

- a. The United States refused to intervene in democratic countries.
- b. The United States used its military and intelligence services to undermine only governments under the direct control of the Soviet Union.
- c. The United States used its military and intelligence services to prevent countries from electing governments who were sympathetic to the Soviet Union.
- d. The United States rarely intervened in civil conflicts outside its own borders, because it respected the sovereignty of other countries.
- e. The United States rarely used its military and intelligence services in Asia, because it feared retaliation from the Soviet Union.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Page 26 TOP: Decolonization MSC: Applied

39. Which of the following statements about Soviet intervention during the Cold War is true?

- a. The Soviet Union rarely intervened in civil conflicts outside its own borders, because it was focused on winning the nuclear arms race.
- b. The Soviet Union refused to send its military to intervene in European countries such as Hungary and Czechoslovakia, because it feared retaliation from the United States.
- c. The Soviet Union intervened only in countries with socialist or Marxist governments, since they were already Soviet allies.
- d. The Soviet Union rarely intervened in the developing world, because it thought poor countries were likely to become communist without Soviet help.
- e. The Soviet Union sent arms and advisors to many developing countries in hopes of helping sympathetic groups seize power.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Page 24 TOP: Decolonization MSC: Applied

40. The Soviet Union used its military power to preserve or extend its influence in all of the following cases EXCEPT:

- a. Hungary in 1956.
- b. France in 1971.
- c. Czechoslovakia in 1968.
- d. Afghanistan in 1979.
- e. Vietnam in 1965.

ANS: B DIF: Difficult REF: Pages 26–27 TOP: Decolonization MSC: Factual

41. Which of the following factors did NOT encourage decolonization?

- a. The major powers began to implement favorable trade and investment policies that led to economic development in their colonies.
- b. American businesses hoped they would have more access to markets in developing countries.
- c. Nationalist movements became stronger.
- d. Since the Soviet Union was known to be anticolonial, Americans feared colonialism would make African and Asian countries involved in independence movements become Soviet allies.
- e. World War II weakened the European colonial powers.

ANS: A DIF: Easy REF: Pages 27–28 TOP: Decolonization MSC: Conceptual

42. Developing countries created the nonaligned movement during the Cold War because:

- a. they opposed communist expansion in the Third World.
- b. they wanted to create closer ties with the Soviet Union.
- c. they wanted to create closer ties with the United States.
- d. they wanted to promote international economic development.
- e. they wanted to build upon their previous successes in embargoing industrial goods.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 28 TOP: Developing World MSC: Conceptual

43. During the Cold War, developing countries:

- a. were more concerned about the spread of communism than the gap in wealth between industrialized and developing countries.
- b. sought to separate themselves from the competition between the United States and the Soviet Union.

- c. inevitably had to choose between allying with the United States or the Soviet Union.
- d. were often effective at improving the terms of trade between industrialized and developing countries.
- e. created effective cartels like the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries for other raw materials, such as copper and bananas.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: Page 28 TOP: Developing World MSC: Applied

44. Colonial powers resisted the independence of the following EXCEPT:

- a. British India.
- b. British Kenya.
- c. French Algeria.
- d. Dutch East Indies.
- e. the Soviet Union.

ANS: A DIF: Difficult REF: Page 28

TOP: Decolonization MSC: Factual

45. Which of the following is an example of détente between the United States and the Soviet Union?

- a. The Soviet Union created the Warsaw Pact.
- b. The Soviet Union put missiles in Cuba.
- c. The Soviet Union blocked access to Berlin.
- d. The United States agreed to limit its military weapons.
- e. The United States sent troops to Vietnam.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 29

TOP: End of the Cold War MSC: Applied

46. The end of the Cold War was preceded by which event in the previous decade?

- a. Decreased military spending by the United States.
- b. Increased Soviet repression in Eastern Europe.
- c. Increased Soviet troops in Afghanistan in 1979.
- d. Policies of greater openness and economic reconstruction in the Soviet Union.
- e. Economic recovery in the Soviet Union.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 30 TOP: End of the Cold War MSC: Applied

47. Which of the following is an example of a free-trade area?

- a. World Trade Organization.

- b. European Union.
- c. North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- d. African Union.
- e. Warsaw Pact.

ANS: B DIF: Easy REF: Page 31 TOP: Post–Cold War: Economic Developments MSC: Applied

48. Why would some countries after World War II form what would become the European Union?

- a. To fend off intervention by the United States in Europe.
- b. To improve relations with the Soviet Union.
- c. To increase tariffs on goods entering Europe.
- d. To increase trade and improve economic cooperation within Europe.
- e. To increase trade between European countries and their former colonies.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 31 TOP: Post–Cold War: Economic Developments MSC: Conceptual

49. The European Union:

- a. began in the 1950s, with collaboration on coal and steel production between a few countries.
- b. began in the 1960s, with a military alliance between France, Germany, and the United Kingdom.
- c. opted to allow most members to keep their traditional currencies, such as the French franc.
- d. raised barriers to impede the internal movement of labor among the member nations.
- e. included all European countries by the end of the 1990s.

ANS: A DIF: Moderate REF: Page 31 TOP: Post–Cold War: Economic Developments MSC: Applied

50. Which of the following statements about Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 is true?

- a. The United States acted unilaterally when responding to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.
- b. The 1991 war against Iraq revealed the ineffectiveness of the United Nations in coordinating military responses to violations of international law.
- c. Iraqi forces were expelled from Kuwait by forces from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

- d. A large coalition of countries led by the United States invaded Iraq to end its occupation of Kuwait.
- e. A large coalition of countries under the auspices of the United Nations expelled Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

ANS: E DIF: Moderate REF: Page 32 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Applied

51. Which statement best describes China and Vietnam in the early 1980s?

- a. Both countries strengthened their Communist economic systems.
- b. Both countries abandoned one-party rule.
- c. Both countries adopted capitalist economic reforms.
- d. China adopted capitalist economic reforms, but Vietnam did not.
- e. Vietnam maintained its one-party system, but China did not.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Page 32 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Factual

52. In the 1990s, the United Nations:

- a. sent troops to Rwanda to mediate an end to a civil war in that country.
- b. launched air strikes against Bosnian Serbian forces in the former Yugoslavia.
- c. prevented the massacre of 8,000 Bosnian boys and men in the Srebrenica “safe area.”
- d. opposed the use of force against Iraq after that country invaded Kuwait.
- e. supported the use of force against Iraq to ensure that country stopped producing weapons of mass destruction.

ANS: A DIF: Easy REF: Page 32 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Factual

53. Which of the following statements about the 2003 war with Iraq is true?

- a. The formation of the “coalition of the willing” to invade Iraq was a repudiation of traditional power politics.
- b. The war showed the effectiveness of the United Nations in coordinating military responses to violations of international law.
- c. Because the United States acted without the approval of the United Nations, the invasion marked a move toward American unilateralism.
- d. The invasion of Iraq marked a move by the United States away from unilateral foreign policy decisions.
- e. A “coalition of the willing” organized by the United Nations invaded Iraq to eliminate its

weapons of mass destruction.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Page 33 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Applied

54. Recent nonstate actors include all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. human rights organizations.
- b. terrorist organizations.
- c. labor-rights networks.
- d. regional economic agreements.
- e. environmental organizations.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 33 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Factual

55. With regard to international institutions:

- a. nonstate actors have had little impact on international politics recently.
- b. international organizations have become less common in the current era.
- c. organizations like the United Nations have avoided becoming more involved in military conflicts since the end of the Cold War.
- d. the number of non-state groups has increased rapidly in the past two decades
- e. major powers are never forced to work with international institutions.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: Page 33 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Applied

56. Which of the following is a good description of international politics twenty years after the end of the Cold War?

- a. The United States is unable to match the military spending of its chief rivals.
- b. The prospect of armed hostilities between the world's major powers looms.
- c. There is a unipolar international political system led by the United States.
- d. There is a multipolar world divided between two great blocs.
- e. There has been a significant lessening of ethno-religious conflicts.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: Page 34 TOP: Post–Cold War: New Challenges MSC: Applied

ESSAY

1. States' interests affect how they interact with one another. Explain how states' interests in

the nineteenth century led to less conflict between major powers in Europe.

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: Nineteenth-Century Politics

2. How does mercantilism view the relationship between wealth and power? How does liberalism view this relationship? Which view is more persuasive? Why?

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: Mercantilism

3. Why did major-power interests and interactions result in a peaceful nineteenth century, but a conflict-ridden twentieth century?

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: British Hegemony | The Thirty Years' Crisis | The Cold War

4. World War I was supposed to be "the war to end all wars," yet another catastrophic war occurred only two decades later. Explain how the League of Nations and major powers' interests failed to prevent World War II.

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: World War II

5. How did the economic, political, and military interests of the major powers evolve over the course of the twentieth century?

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: Twentieth-Century History

6. The victors in World War II created international institutions at the conclusion of the war to promote their own interests and to prevent future wars. Explain why they created these institutions, and how the institutions have affected the interaction of major countries during the Cold War.

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: The Cold War

7. The end of the Cold War presented new possibilities for the role of institutions such as the United Nations. How did the United Nations prevent conflict and promote cooperation after the Cold War ended?

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: Post–Cold War

8. Many institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund, were created by powerful countries to promote their own economic interests. Explain how and why developing countries have attempted to reform the international economy through their own organizations.

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: Developing World

9. Will United States predominance continue for the next fifty years? Why or why not? What challenges does the United States face in the short term?

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: The Future

10. Are states likely to remain the most important actors in world politics in the next fifty years? What actors are likely to gain relevance at the expense of states?

ANS: Answer will vary.

TOP: Post–Cold War: Economic Developments