

**Directions:** Write a comprehensive, summarizing paragraph for each of the following main concepts.

**I. The End of the Cold War**

A. Factors in the Soviet Decline

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B. The Explosion of the 1980s and 1990s

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C. The Age of Reform

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D. Dismantling the Soviet Empire

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E. Renewed Turmoil in the 1990s

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**II. The Spread of Democracy**

A. Patterns of Change

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B. Democracy and its Limits

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**III. The Great Powers and New Disputes**

A. The Former Soviet Union

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B. Endemic Conflicts

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C. Ethnic and Other Conflicts: A New Surge

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**IV. The United States as Sole Superpower**

A. The United States and Other Power Centers

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B. Anti-American Terrorism and Response

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**KEY TERMS**

**Mikhail Gorbachev:**

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**Glasnost:**

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**Perestroika:**

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**Boris Yeltsin:**

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**Persian Gulf War:**

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**A. Were the direct or indirect effects of the end of the cold war most influential?**

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**B. What has been the impact of terrorism?**

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**1. In what sense can it be said that the 20th century represents a new period in world civilizations?**

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**2. Trace trends in political organization and economic development in 20th-century world civilizations.**

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**3. In what ways has the 20th century offered evidence of human progress? In what ways has humanity regressed?**

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**4. The authors postulate several potential causal factors impacting civilization in the future, including population growth, the exhaustion of frontiers, and technological advances associated with the “post-industrial world.” Evaluate the impact such factors are likely to have on the future.**

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**5. Consider the role of traditional civilization identity versus the pace of internationalization in 20th-century cultures.**

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**MAP EXERCISE: Create a map showing the major events and locations of important concepts in this chapter. You may use additional sheets for this task.**