

Chapter 38: A World without Borders Reading Answers

The End of the Cold War – p. 892

1. According to Bentley & Ziegler, the downfall of communist regimes in Europe was the direct consequence of...

Revolutions in Eastern and Central Europe - p. 893

2. Why did the eastern European nations never truly embrace communism?
3. What was happening that left Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to restructure the Soviet Union?
4. List the countries that had peaceful (or mostly peaceful) revolutions against communist rule (there are five - one is listed after the answer to the following question).
5. What nation had a violent people's uprising against their communist-supported dictator?

The Collapse of the Soviet Union - p. 894

6. What problems was Gorbachev's Soviet Union facing when he took power in 1985? (Name at least 10)
7. To fix the problems mentioned in the previous question, Gorbachev started two new policies - glasnost and perestroika. Briefly describe each of these policies.
8. Why did the Soviet Union get involved in a war in Afghanistan? How did that work out for them?
9. What events in 1991 finally brought down the Soviet Union?
10. Why was the end of the Cold War frightening in some ways?

The Global Economy - p. 896

11. What does the term "globalization" mean?
12. What is "free trade?" Why was free trade increasingly popular in the modern era?
13. What is the job of the World Trade Organization?
14. How are global corporations different from multinational corporations?

Economic Growth in Asia - p. 897

15. Why was Japan's economy so successful following World War II?
16. What did they call Asian nations that were highly successful economically? (hint: it's the name of an animal)
17. How did the economy of China change following the reforms of the 1970s?
18. How do developing nations impact the earth's environment?

Trading Blocs – p. 899

19. Describe the European Union.
20. What is OPEC, and why are they so powerful?
21. What criticisms do people level against globalization? Name at least four.

Cross-cultural Exchanges and Global Communications - p. 900

22. What is the culture of consumption or the modern consumer culture?
23. What impacts have modern global culture had on local cultures?

The Age of Access - p. 902

24. Why does China worry about the preeminence of English on the internet? What steps have they taken to remove English from internet hegemony?

Global Problems - p. 903

25. What is the Club of Rome? Why do Bentley & Ziegler seem somewhat sarcastic about their predictions (see the last sentence before "Climate Change" on page 905)?
26. To what does the term "climate change" usually refer?
27. What is the Kyoto Protocol? Why has the U.S. refused to sign it?

Economic Inequities and Labor Servitude - p. 905

28. What are the problems that can come from poverty?
29. What historical forces resulted in modern poverty?
30. Slavery is against the law throughout the world. What has taken its place?
31. How do human traffickers lure their victims? Name two ways.

Global Diseases - p. 908

32. In what ways has the AIDS epidemic hit sub-Saharan Africa especially hard?

Global Terrorism - p. 910

33. Although there is no universally agreed-on definition of terrorism, Bentley & Ziegler give a good definition. How do they define terrorism?
34. Who planned the attacks on the U.S.? What reasons did he give for doing so?
35. What is the Taliban?
36. Why did the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan begin?
37. What was the "special" target of the war in Iraq?

Coping with Global Problems: International Organizations - p. 912

38. Why has the number of international organizations been growing?
39. What did the Red Cross originally set out to do, and what do they do now?
40. Why do Bentley & Ziegler claim the UN has been successful?

Crossing Boundaries - p. 914

41. In what types of societies were women most successful in pushing for rights?
42. What problems does China continue to have due to the long-standing preference for males over females?
43. Why are women in much of the world illiterate?
44. What is an Indian "dowry death"?
45. Name at least one important female political leader and briefly explain why she is important.

Migration - p. 917

46. What is the most common pattern of internal migration in today's world?
47. Why is urbanization a continuing problem in the world today?
48. _____ between societies have caused most international migration.
49. Why do migrants often face difficulties in their new nations?
50. What is a "reconstructed ethnicity"?