

As you read, take notes about each one of the sub-headings in your text.

Section 1, The Western World: The Overview

Main Idea: In the years since WW II, various economic, political, and social trends have shaped the western world.

Setting the Scene:

1. Europe: The Cold War and After

a. The Berlin Wall

b. The Nuclear Threat

e. NATO's New Role

2. Economic and Political Trends

a. The Welfare State

c. Family Life

c. East Germany Under communism

d. Reunification

e. Economic Problems

4. Other Democratic Nations

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Section 3, North American Prosperity

Main Idea: Since 1940s, The United States has asserted its role as a global superpower, promoted economic prosperity, and extended civil rights.

Setting the Scene:

1. The United States: A Global Superpower

a. Global Commitments

b. Korea and Vietnam

c. The Only Superpower

2. Economy and Government

a. The United States and the Global Economy

b. Wider Role for Government

c. The Conservative Response

d. The New Century

3. Civil rights and society

a. Segregation and Discrimination

b. Progress and Problems

c. United States Influence

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Section 4, The Soviet Union: Rise and Fall of a Superpower

Main Idea: After years of Communist rule, the Soviet Union collapsed and was replaced by Russia and other independent republics.

Setting the scene:

1. Soviet Government and Economy

a. Stalin's Successors

b. Some successes

5. The Other Republics

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Section 5, A New Era in Eastern Europe

Main Idea: After years of Soviet domination, the countries of Eastern Europe were free of Russian control, facing new and sometimes difficult challenges.

Setting the scene:

1. Under Soviet Domination

a. Unrest

b. Resistance and Repression

c. Yugoslavia's Independent Path

2. Poland's Road to Democracy

a. Solidarity
