

End of the Cold – Part 2

Background

The rise and fall of the Soviet Union is one of the most important developments of the Twentieth Century.

While the Soviet Union is now gone, it has been replaced by an increasingly powerful modern Russia. This will be a country to watch in international affairs.

Assignment

Leaders of the Soviet Union

1) Leonid Brezhnev - In what way was Brezhnev's view of socialism within the Soviet Union limited?

2) What became the trademark of Brezhnev's era?

3) Yuri Andropov - What were Andropov's goals?

4) Konstantin Chernenko - What was unique about Chernenko's leadership?

5) Mikhail Gorbachev - Gorbachev was the last of the _____ of the Soviet Empire. (See page 201)

6) What were Gorbachev's intentions regarding communism?

7) Gorbachev's greatest strength was his _____.

8) Boris Yeltsin - Yeltsin's power base was in the _____ only. (See page 207)

9) Why did Yeltsin become more "popular" with the Russian people than Gorbachev?

10) Why did Yeltsin desert Gorbachev?

Successes & Failures of the Soviet Union

11) Complete the following table on the accomplishments of the Soviet Union since 1917.

<i>Accomplishments</i>	<i>Details & Evidence</i>
<i>Modern Powerful Superpower</i>	
<i>Military Power</i>	
<i>Standard of Living</i>	

12) Complete the following table on the failures of the Soviet System.

<i>Failure</i>	<i>Details & Evidence</i>
<i>Economic Stagnation</i>	

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<i>Military Spending</i>	
<i>Political Stagnation</i>	
<i>Command Economy</i>	
<i>Increased Nationalism</i>	

Fundamental Causes of the Collapse of the Soviet Union

13) Complete the following table outlining the six possible interpretations for the collapse of the Soviet Communism.

<i>Failure of Socialism</i>	<i>Opposition & Nationalism</i>
<i>Competition with the West</i>	<i>Gorbachev betrayed the Party</i>

<p><i>Party Officials</i></p>	<p><i>Boris Yeltsin</i></p>
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14) After reading ahead to the events of the Soviet Union's collapse, which of these interpretations is the most valid? Explain!

Gorbachev's Government

15) What were the goals of Gorbachev's program of "developed socialism"?

16) In what way was this program effective?

17) In what was this program ineffective?

18) How did the Chernobyl disaster impact Gorbachev's administration?

19) Define . . . Glasnost.

20) Explain how glasnost changed the Soviet Union.

21) Identify the main ideas in Gorbachev's 1987 "Perestroika."

22) In Gorbachev's opinion, why couldn't the Communist Party be the vehicle of reform?

23) Complete the table below on Gorbachev's successes and failures to reform the Soviet Union.

You may have to look back through earlier pages in this section of the Student Workbook.

<i>Successes</i>	<i>Failures</i>

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24) In what way had Gorbachev raised the expectations of the Soviet people?

25) Gorbachev wanted to create a "_____".

In this economy, private sector co-operatives flourished. What effect did this have?

26) Which three unofficial groups were part of the Reform Congress in 1989?

27) Was this Congress successful?

28) Why weren't the Russian people more involved in Gorbachev's "revolution"?

29) While Gorbachev was attempting reform in and around Moscow, what was happening in Eastern Europe?

30) How does reform differ from revolution?

31) By 1988, which fundamentals of the former Soviet system had Gorbachev eliminated?

32) Gorbachev's 1990 policy position for the Communist Party, "Towards a Humane, Democratic Socialism", revealed he had become a social democrat.

What do Social Democrats and Gorbachev believe about the world?

33) In July 1991, Gorbachev was invited to be a guest at the G-7 Conference.

What was the outcome of his attendance?

34) Why did the traditionalists oppose Gorbachev’s proposed Union Treaty?

35) Complete the following table on the attempted coup d’état in 1991.

<i>When</i>	
<i>Action Taken</i>	
<i>Outcome</i>	
<i>Significance</i>	

36) Describe the end of the Soviet Union.
