

Unit 6: Challenges of the Modern Era

6.6.1: Terms

Arms Proliferation: the spread of dangerous arms/weapons throughout the world. This is seen as dangerous as it is feared dictators/terrorists would be more willing to use such weapons.

Terrorism: a method of aggression that uses violence to create fear in an attempt to gain some goal; usually political.

6.1.5: Global Terrorism Chapter 12 (pgs. 382 – 393)

- The end of the Cold War, brought hope for global relationships that did not depend on military threats that accompanying quest for **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD)** did.
- Throughout the 1990's many Treaties was signed eliminating or reducing WMD.
- Unfortunately such Treaties could not solve the existence of Nuclear Weapon technology and the desire of some countries to develop them.
- Some Nations; **Iraq, North Korea** and **Iran** began shopping to buy materials and expertise to establish Nuclear arsenals.
- These countries justified the development of their own Nuclear Weapons because such countries such as the U.S, Russia, and China had theirs.
- Some people feel the threat of Nuclear War has increased because of the desire of more countries to develop nuclear arsenals.
- They might be right.
- Following the attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11th, 2001 President Bush said that the countries of Iraq, Iran and North Korea formed an "Axis of Evil" that promoted terrorism and possessed weapons of mass destruction.
- As a result of this thinking the U.S. declared war on Iraq in 2003.
- Though the U.S toppled Iraq's leader, **SADDAM HUSSEIN**, it seems that terrorist activity in this region of the World has only escalated.
- Thus making the World a more dangerous place.

6.1.6: Terrorist Attacks

- Terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and suicide bombings in Israel have threatened World peace.
- Though it can be argued that the terrorists are freedom fighters to many in their region, there is no doubt that their actions and the response of the U.S. and Israel has threatened World peace.
- To demonstrate the threat of terrorism to World peace we need only to focus on the World Trade Center attack.
- Following this attack, political leaders around the World supported the U.S. when it declared “**WAR on TERRORISM.**”
- Once **OSAMA BIN LADEN** and his terrorist organization **al – QAEDA** were identified, many nations aided the U.S. attack on **AFGHANISTAN** when this nation protected al-Qaeda.
- Though this war was quickly won there had been a threat to World peace.
- The threat to World peace resulting from these attacks unfortunately increased.
- U.S. President Bush feels that other nations such as Iraq support terrorism.
- As a result, Bush has ignored the UN and invaded Iraq.
- Though the U.S. quickly defeated Iraq’s dictator, it seems that terrorism in the region has increased.
- Many argue that the war in Iraq has created more terrorists who will commit more acts of terrorism.
- Who knows where this will end.
- Obviously it is clear to say that terrorism and the response to it threaten World peace.

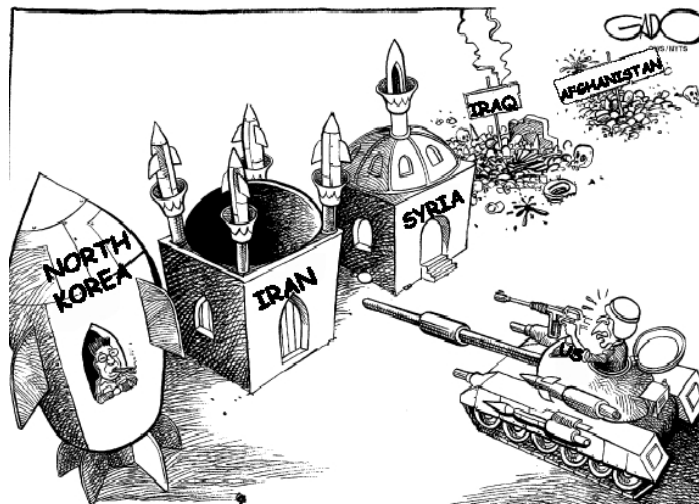
6.1.7: The European Union Chapter 8 (pgs. 247 - 251)

- The two World Wars in the 1st half of the 20th Century left Europe ravaged.
- The new nuclear arms race and Nationalism still divided Europe.
- European leaders, such as Winston Churchill felt European countries should set aside old differences and strengthen the ties of European countries economically and politically.
- The idea was that if Europe was integrated economically it would reduce Nationalism.
- Beginning in 1949, European nations began establishing trade agreements to increase European cooperation.

- Since 1949, different trade agreements and organizations have united Europe into an economic zone now referred to as the **EUROPEAN UNION**.
- As of **April 19th, 2004** this Union includes **25** European countries united in common **ECONOMIC** and **HUMANITARIAN** goals.
- The most symbolic part of this Union is a new currency the **EURO**, which it is hoped **ALL** countries will use in the future.
- The Euro is symbolic of the new unity of Europe.

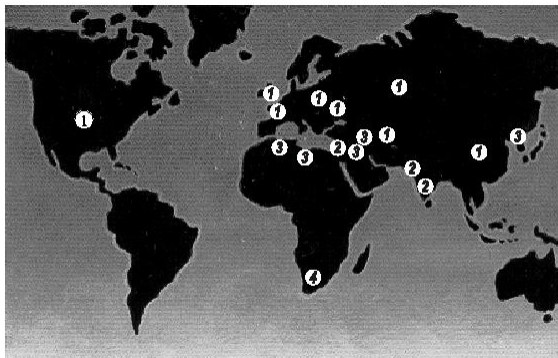
Old Publics:

1. Which led to greater economic integration within the European Union?
 - a. Increase of trade barriers among member states
 - b. Introduction of national currencies
 - c. Promotion of ethnic diversity
 - d. Reduction of trade barriers among member states
2. Which refers to violence against civilians that is not typically sanctioned by governments?
 - a. Communism
 - b. Fundamentalism
 - c. Nationalism
 - d. Terrorism
3. Based on the source below, what impact has the quest for nuclear weapons had on global security?



- a. Balanced power between nations
- b. Created conflict and instability
- c. Encouraged peace and security
- d. Enhanced humanitarian efforts

4. According to the source below, what impact has the pursuit of nuclear weapons had on world peace?



1. Countries which have nuclear weapons. 2. Countries which probably have them. 3. Countries possibly developing them. 4. Countries which

- a. Increased Islamic fundamentalism
- b. Increased Westernization of the world
- c. Promoted collective security
- d. Threatened global security

DBQ's:

1. Using the table provided and your knowledge of history, analyze the impact of recent terrorist attacks on the world.

TERRORISTS ATTACKS		
YEAR	BOMBING LOCATION	CASUALTIES
1993	World Trade Centre	6 killed, more than 100 injured
1996	US Air Force Base, Saudi Arabia	19 killed, hundreds injured
1998	US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania	Hundreds killed, hundreds injured
2000	USS Cole, Yemen	17 US sailors killed, 19 injured
2001	World Trade Center, Pentagon	2,823 killed