

Chapter 32: The Age of Globalization

Overview

Although tensions had subsided somewhat, in the early 1980s Americans still thought of the world in Cold War terms of a Communist superpower confronted by the United States and our sometimes difficult allies. The incredible events of 1989-1991 saw the end of the Cold War and the demise of the Soviet Union, and the United States was not sure how to react. At home, profound, if more gradual, changes were also taking place: America's manufacturing base was declining in face of world competition, economic growth was slowing, and poverty was beginning to rise again. Into this mix came a new wave of immigrants, dominated not by Europeans but by Asians and Hispanics. As the new century approached, the nation enjoyed a prosperous economy but faced tough challenges of crime, disease, urban distress, environmental problems, and culture divisiveness.

Vocabulary Terms

Globalization	Partisanship	Bill Clinton
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)		Newt Gingrich
Monica Lewinsky Scandal	Robert Dole	Election of 2000
Clinton's Impeachment	Bush v. Gore	Al Gore
Richard Cheney	George W. Bush	John Kerry
Election of 2004	Enron Scandal	Federal Reserve Board
Digital Divide	Internet	Latino Immigration
Genetic Engineering	AIDS Epidemic	Right-to-life Movement
Pro-Choice Movement	Target Marketing	New World Order
World Trade Organization (WTO)	International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Islamic fundamentalism
Oklahoma City Bombing	War on Terrorism	Al Qaeda
Guantanamo Prisoners	Axis of Evil	Iraq War
Abu Ghraib prison scandal		

Focus Questions

Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper AFTER you have finished reading the chapter. DO NOT simply Google the questions. This will not aid you in your understanding of the text, reading strategies, or long-term comprehension. Include and **highlight** the vocabulary terms.

1. Describe the dramatic changes in American culture.
2. Explain the impact of modern-day plagues, such as drugs and AIDS.
3. Was Clinton able to overcome the challenges his administration faced?
4. Why did the environmental movement gain popularity?
5. What accounts for the decline in Bush's popularity?

Reading Notes

As you read, write AT LEAST 5 important facts from the section referenced on the left. All vocabulary terms used should be highlighted. If multiple sections are combined, make sure facts and terms are included for both sections.

Launching the Clinton Presidency The Republican Resurgence	
The Election of 1996	
Clinton Triumphant and Embattled Kosovo	

<p>The Election of 2000</p>	
<p>The Election of 2004</p>	
<p>From “Stagflation” to Growth</p>	

Downturns

The Two-Tiered
Economy

Globalization

The Digital
Revolution

<p>The Internet</p>	
<p>Breakthroughs in Genetics</p>	
<p>A Shifting Population</p>	

African Americans
in the Post-Civil
Rights Era

Modern Plagues:
Drugs and AIDS

Battles Over
Feminism and
Abortion

<p>The Growth of Environmentalism</p>	
<p>The Fragmentation of Mass Culture</p>	
<p>Opposing the "New World Order"</p>	

Defending
Orthodoxy

The Rise of
Terrorism

The War on
Terrorism

<p>The Iraq War</p>	
<p>The Decline of the Bush Presidency</p>	
<p>The Election of 2008</p>	

