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THAT  
CONQUERED  
THE WORLD

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IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY



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Wilson  
Triad

Peace  
Democracy  
free markets

core and  
periphery states

devaluation of war  
is important in  
21st Century  
rise of the market

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# The French Revolution

Part 9/11 in  
perspective in history

Wilson the prophet has claim to the  
world's respect not the statesman p24

Free trade with disarmament and democracy keys to peace  
Impact of French Revolution and why?

Liberalism - WWI with ~~the~~ spirit as applied to Int. relations

Cold War reconsidered - Why did Communism fail -

Stalin killed at least 40 million Mao-35

Berlin Wall

Lenin / Stalin / Mao

Deng / Gorbachev

Culture - moved from Middle East to Europe to U.S.

Long 19th Century } p63

Short 20th Century }

Did you ever think the Communist form of government  
could work in anyway?

Story of Natalie Friedmann of Bell - March 2000 History Day entry  
1957 Sputnik

The Many Brothers 377 - Duck Soup film - he can't read

Yogi Berra 13 - Never make predictions especially about the future

William Butler Yeats 401

West Side Story 144 - Shakespeare - 2 versions of same plot

Rising Sun - Michael Crichton 154 - business is war

Beat the Devil - Gina Lollobrigida p263

Brussels Sprouts - 353

US Foreign - the few - the elite must convince  
the shareholders - the public  
Reluctance to support it is called "Isolationism"  
Americans don't want to pay a lot for  
foreign policy -

The Periphery -

of 200 countries ~~the~~ 3/4's of countries  
Consumers rather producers

Focus of this world - Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan  
Oil and nuclear weapons - focus of Cold War  
Tension between core countries and periphery -  
China and Russia - in some ways Communism  
succeeded - p100

Chap 11 p 328

monetary system - 3 things desirable

- ① Each gov - independent monetary policy
- ② Fixed exchange rates
- ③ free flow of capital across borders

Can't have all three  
Gold standard at Bretton Woods (N.H.)  
1944  
1971 - off gold - How do floating exchange rates work?

Free Trade

Protectionism

The Cobden/Chevalier Treaty of 1860 started  
Most Favored Nation - British/France

Today - Is there World Government?

One World

Liberal order ① popular sovereignty

② constitutionalism

③ the rule of law

④ common security

⑤ the international trading system / international  
institutions  
order

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Chap 5 - Most Dangerous Place on Planet p144

Germany / Japan

China / Russia

Japan - monopoly Gulf War

Germany - no troops in Kosovo 99'

China - 14 diff. countries on its border

one big hundred km remains: Foreign Taiwan p162

Taiwan - a province in 1885 - similar to Ukraine

Korea -

Chap 3 a world of sovereign states - 1st in 1648

Meiji Restoration - 1868 - "The most remarkable  
achievement by any nation in modern history."

Germany -

Japan -

America too was an imperial power - defeat  
of Spain brought us Cuba and the Philippines

Britain and France invented the modern world

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## Chap 7 The Dragon's Lair

Terrorism - 60 leaders killed in last 4 decades  
Middle east - 3 great non western civilizations

Arab Persian Turkish  
Iraq attacked Iran Sept 1980

150-350,000  
lives

450-750,000  
lives

The nuclear non proliferation treaty NPT

## Chap 4 The Line for Cancer p107

Common Security - is like curing cancer - step by step

Balance of Power - Cold War stand-off - two powers

W Wilson - favored limiting arm sales -

Europe - after cold war - military strong enough to defend only

Satellites - renunciation -

Common Security of Europe - agreed not to fight each other

\* Fateful error - expansion of NATO to Poland / Hungary / R. C. Republics

Alienated Russia - Clinton pushed it for domestic political reasons

1972 - ABM treaty, obligation - need to protect small countries  
in Europe or core countries against periphery

Reagan and Gorbachev - good ending - two built a common  
Security for Europe

Gorbachev - one of the great figures of the 20th century

Wastefulness - Singapore - tiny - but produced more wealth  
than Russia and China

What is debellization

People changed attitude toward war - less children in families

less religion

Send away of Nato - keep Americans in - Russian out - Terrorism  
down

Chap nine The Triumph of the market p277

Collapse of Communism was not a ~~result~~ result of military victory.

East/West German

North/South Korea

China and Taiwan

} Market principle superior

Japan - state often nationalized industry

Russia - state took responsibility for everything

1981 - Francois Mitterand - socialist gov.

① nationalization

② increased gov. spending

③ more regulation

South America - couldn't pay loans forced to liberalize

India - highly regulated

end of Communist era - left 27 countries from Germany to China

Germany to China

The command systems (Soviet) did work

Yeltsin - Houston Supermarket - p291 - fooled the people

competition/productivity and powerful motive

self-interest

John M. Keynes - most influential economist of 20th c.

Schumpeter - invented word entrepreneur

Adam Smith -

Socialism

Welfare State

Hayek



What is globalization

What is it mean to let your currency float  
Japan and U.S. do.

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Chap 8 The Democratic Peace p 241

Democratic countries seldom if ever go to war with one another  
popular sovereignty > what contributions do they  
constitutionalism > make to peace

Trade does not guarantee peace

popular sovereignty - W.W. believe "People would refuse  
to vote themselves into war"

Communication Technologies -  
Can't readily be censored

~~Popular Sovereignty~~

Chap 10 Russia and China - transfer from Communism to market economy

difficult because of

- ① Corruption
- ② lack of political and economic institutions
- ③ economic distortions

NAFTA - Mexico

WTO - China

European Union

IUF

impact of all of these

Spain and Ireland / France

Impact of Mac Donalds

Chap 12 -

Do you like Brussels Sprouts? P 353

outbreaks of currency instability -

Mexico - Thailand - Russia - Italy - Britain

IUF

World Bank

WTO

NAFTA

What do they do?

European Union

ASEAN

Mercosur

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC)

Most Favored Nation Status

Wilson conviction: Trading partners would conduct peaceful foreign policy toward one another - Before WWI were we trading with Japan and Germany

The Marshall Plan of 1947

Americans initiated managed trade (Clinton and Japan)

Impact of Bretton Woods -

The Euro

rich vs. poor

Foreign aid

immigrants - low wages vs. unwillingness to learn local languages

Expansion of NATO

withdrawal of ABM

axis of evil

Impact of 9/11

deterrence - prevents use of nuclear weapons

21st century - supremacy of market economy

IMF / World Bank

Industrial revolution and global warming

Kyoto treaty - peripheral countries not part of agreement - Senate wouldn't ratify it.

\* Liberal sovereign states second best solution after world government to problems of nuclear war, economic collapse and global climate change

Natalie Friedman - March 2000 - History Day entry - P398  
Sputnik led to internet.

The world after the Cold War - Russia's economic collapse - what impact on Africa

Human Happiness - a product of modernity?

The Market - P402 - Final Conclusion

Taiwan

China

Russia

North Korea

Iran

Iraq

Nuclear Weapons

United Nations

Lenin

Stalin

Mao

Murphy

Hitler

Adam Smith

John Maynard Keynes

India/Pakistan  
Kashmir