

Period 6: Accelerating Global Change and Realignment, c. 1900 to present

Key Concept 6.1 Science and the Environment

1. How did science affect humans' conception of the natural world in the 20th century?
2. What new technologies and discoveries affected communication, transportation, and conceptions of the world?
3. How did scientific discoveries affect humans' ability to feed and care for themselves?
4. What new energy technologies affected the 20th century?
5. How did humans' relationship to the environment change in the 20th century?
6. What negative consequences in the 20th century accompanied the benefits of industrialization?
7. What caused some of the major demographic changes in the 20th century?
8. What diseases associated with poverty were common in the 20th century?
9. How did the invention of reliable birth control affect gender roles?

Key Concept 6.2 Global Conflicts and their Consequences

1. Why did older, land-based empires decline and/or collapse?
2. By what means did imperial colonies achieve independence?
3. What new movements challenged the status quo during the age of imperial rule?
4. What new identities were used to unite populations spread across national borders?
5. What ideologies were often used to "undo" imperialism?
6. How were colonial peoples affected by the change of old colonial boundaries?
7. How were relationships between imperial powers and former colonies maintained after the end of those empires?
8. What circumstances contributed to genocide and mass refugee populations?
9. How did the World Wars affect the nature of war and the relationship of the government to their populations?
10. What ideologies motivated the World War conflicts?
11. How did the world's balance of power change during the Cold War?
12. How did various reactions to the violence of the 20th century compare?
13. What alternatives were offered to the economic, political, and social status quo?
14. Why did some movements use terrorism for political purposes?
15. How was popular culture affected by the global conflicts?

Key Concept 6.3 New Conceptualizations of Global Economy, Society, & Culture

1. What new governmental institutions emerged as a result of the 20th century conflicts?
2. How did states respond to the 20th century's economic challenges?
3. How did the Great Depression affect governments' relationship to their economy?
4. How did new international organizations affect the relationship of states and peoples around the world?
5. What were the economic effects of new international organizations?
6. What were the humanitarian effects of new international organizations?
7. How did international trade and commerce develop in the 20th century?
8. How did these economic developments affect the distribution of world resources?

9. How did communities of faith respond to the rapid changes in the 20th century?
10. How did the global nature of culture affect sports, music, fashions, and the arts?