

Directions: Write a comprehensive, summarizing paragraph for each of the following major concepts.

I. After World War II: A New International Setting for the West

A. Europe and Its Colonies

B. The Cold War

II. The Resurgence of Western Europe

A. The Spread of Liberal Democracy

B. The Welfare State

C. New Challenges to Political Stability

D. The Diplomatic Context

E. Economic Expansion

III. Cold War Allies: The United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand

A. The Former Dominions

B. The “U.S. Century”?

IV. Culture and Society in the West

A. Social Structure

B. The Women’s Revolution

C. Western Culture

D. A Lively Popular Culture

V. Eastern Europe After World War II: A Soviet Empire

A. The Soviet Union as Superpower

B. The New Soviet Empire in Eastern Europe

C. Evolution of Domestic Policies

V. Soviet Culture: Promoting New Beliefs and Institutions

A. Economy and Society

Culture and Society in the West.

De-Stalinization.

KEY TERMS

Cold war:

Eastern bloc:

Harry Truman:

Iron curtain:

Marshall Plan:

Warsaw Pact:

Welfare state:

Technocrat:

Green movement:

Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan:

European Union:

New feminism:

Simone de Beauvoir and Betty Friedan:

Berlin Wall:

Solidarity:

Socialist realism:

Alexsandr Solzhenitsyn:

Nikita Khrushchev:

Sputnik:

A. Discuss whether late 20th-century European political and cultural development has been defined by the United States.

B. Compare Russian and Western economic development during the 20th century.

1. Which side, East or West, was more responsible for the start of the cold war? Why?

2. Summarize the purposes and outcomes of the Marshall Plan.

3. Evaluate the implications of the cold war on western Europe.

4. Generalize the positive and negative outcomes of the implementation of the welfare state.

5. Compare the opposing sides in the cold war.

6. Describe how the changing roles of women affected Western society.

7. Describe the ways that the U.S.S.R. took advantage of its eastern European neighbors.

8. Identify the ways in which the Communist system was unable to compete with its capitalist rivals.

9. Outline the successes of the Communist system.

MAP EXERCISE: Create a map showing the locations, events and major concepts discussed in this chapter. Use additional sheets of paper if needed to complete the task.