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## ABOUT THE BOOK The World Order: 1945–2011

*The World Order:* 1945–2011 has been developed especially for senior secondary students of Modern History in New South Wales. The book is based on the understanding that History is an interpretative study of the past by which you also come to better appreciate the making of the modern world.

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Developing understandings of the past and present in senior History extends on the skills you learnt in earlier years. As senior students you will use historical skills, including research, evaluation, synthesis, analysis and communication, and historical concepts, such as evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, significance, empathy, perspectives and contestability, to understand and interpret societies from the past.

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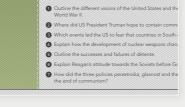
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#### CHAPTER SUMMARY AND CHAPTER REVIEW

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#### QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES are included

throughout the text to consolidate content knowledge and hone examination skills.



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## **THE WORLD ORDER, 1945–2011**

The First Gulf War of January 1991 was the first major post-Cold War conflict. The US-led coalition removed Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

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The United States' emergence from its longstanding isolation after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 marks the beginning of a new world order. In what has been characterised as the 'American Century', the US became committed to greater involvement in international affairs. By 1945, with two world wars, 70 million dead and the Great Depression behind it, many hoped that the United Nations would prevent future conflict through its security, economic and political institutions.

Hopes for a universal commitment to a set of liberal values soon faded with the development of the Cold War. An East–West divide opened up as countries in Europe, Asia and Africa lined up behind the communist Soviet bloc or American capitalism. There were also a number of non-aligned countries, including India and Pakistan.

When the Soviet Union collapsed between 1989 and 1991, Russia and Eastern Europe were brought into the global capitalist order. By the end of the decade, however, a Russian oligarchy had emerged and hopes for liberal democracy seemed distant. Russia entered the 21st century with a new president, Vladimir Putin, who was determined to reassert Russian power in the region. The cooperation that Russia enjoyed with the West during the 1990s slipped away as Putin set Russia on a new foreign policy course.

The influence of the United States internationally was mixed. In the Middle East, the Americans commenced a long-running dispute with Islamic fundamentalist terrorist groups, following the attacks on the United States on 11 September 2001. The American use of hard and soft power around the world drew both supporters and opponents, as the US sought to respond to the changing face of conflict. Ethnic and religious tensions emerged as the new challenge to peace, and the US responded in places as diverse as Bosnia and Somalia.

The new century saw China rise to the position of the world's second largest economy. After the attacks of 11 September 2001, America had adopted an increasingly militaristic stance, thus eroding its moral authority. The US seemed to be turning its back on the ideal of the United Nations by engaging in international conflicts without UN Security Council approval. The global financial crisis (GFC) of 2008 revealed serious faults in the US and European economies, and marked a turning point for other developing economic powers that were less exposed to the US economy, such as the BRIC countries.

Twenty years after the fall of the Soviet Union, America's economy was in decline, China had the second most powerful economy in the world, the Middle East was experiencing internal warfare, Russia had reasserted its dominance and militant Islam had become an international threat. The world had changed dramatically.

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### **KEY FIGURES**

#### YASSER ARAFAT (1929–2004)

Yasser Arafat was the Chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), a former terrorist group from the 1970s that worked towards a political solution during the 1990s and 2000s. He made progress with Yitzhak Rabin on the Oslo Accords and by 2005, Israel was withdrawing settlements from the occupied territories.

GEORGE HW BUSH (1924–)



George HW Bush was President of the United States from 1989 until 1993. He declared a 'new world order' at the end of the Cold War as he announced a USled military action against Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait. President Bush steered the US into the beginning of a new unipolar era and committed the US to continued involvement in international affairs.

#### GEORGE W BUSH (1946–)

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George W Bush was President of the United States between 2001 and 2009. During his first year in office, the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon led to the 'global war on terror'. The Bush administration acted in an increasingly militaristic and unilateral way and undermined the United Nations during the leadup to the Iraq War in March 2003.



Bill Clinton was President of the United States from 1993 to 2001. He oversaw the United States in its transition to being the sole superpower in the world. Clinton intervened in a number of international ethnic conflicts, including those in Somalia and Bosnia, which failed in their mission to prevent the deaths of those the US military was trying to protect.

**MIKHAIL GORBACHEV (1931-)** 



Gorbachev was the final leader of the Soviet Union, between 1985 and 1991. A youthful reformer, he introduced the policies of *perestroika* and *glasnost* and renounced the Brezhnev Doctrine. All of these were policies that opened the floodgates of reform in Eastern Europe and then the Soviet Union. He was popular on the international stage and did much to reduce the number of nuclear weapons through his summits with US President Ronald Reagan.



Osama bin Laden was the leader of al-Qaeda, a militant extremist Islamic group responsible for the attacks on the United States in 2001. Trained by the CIA during the 1980s in its war against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan,

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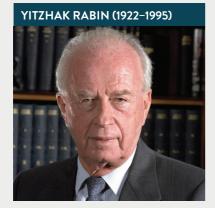
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bin Laden demanded the withdrawal of US troops from Saudi Arabian soil after the First Gulf War.

VLADIMIR PUTIN (1952–)



Vladimir Putin was the second and fourth President of the Russian Federation during 2000–08 and 2012–. Putin is a former KGB agent who lamented the collapse of the Soviet Union and sought to reassert Russian power in his region. He resisted the drift towards European and Western values in Russian politics, the economy and foreign policy.



Yitzhak Rabin was Prime Minister of Israel between 1992 and his assassination in 1995. He was

determined to find peace for Israel and he famously shook hands with Yasser Arafat on the lawn of the White House. He traded land for peace and gave up Israeli settlements. He was assassinated by an ultra-orthodox Jew in November 1995.

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Tough-talking anti-communist Ronald Reagan was sworn in as US President in January 1981 and held office until 1989. Reagan proposed an ambitious US trilliondollar nuclear defence shield in space, nicknamed 'Star Wars', and referred to the Soviet Union as the 'evil empire'. After 1985, his attitude softened once he had built a warm friendship with new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

#### **DENG XIAOPING (1904–1997)**



Deng Xiaoping was leader of China from 1978 to 1989. His reforms during the 1980s laid the foundation for China's internal economic reforms and opening up to the world in the 1990s. By 2010, China was the second biggest economy in the world.

**BORIS YELTSIN (1931–2007)** 



Boris Yeltsin was President of the Russian Federation between 1991 and 2000. He oversaw the transition from the Soviet Union to the Russian democracy. His economic reforms caused great chaos in Russia and by the end of the decade had resulted in an oligarchy. Yeltsin also led Russia into a war against Chechnya, after rejecting its calls for independence from Russia.

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#### **KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS**

#### **American Century**

Coined by Henry Luce, the idea that America had a responsibility to participate and spread its values in the international community after World War II.

#### collective security

The principle that an aggressor state should be opposed by the entire international community.

#### détente

A period of relaxation in tensions between the superpowers between 1962 and 1979.

#### ethnic cleansing

The mass expulsion or killing of members of one ethnic or religious group by another in a geographical area.

#### federalism

A system of government in which a union of states submit some or all of their sovereignty to a central government.

#### geopolitical

The direct political influence of the geographic proximity among nations.

#### hegemony

The dominance of a single power in a region or across the world.

#### idealist

A theory of international relations that claims that state actors are guided by values and ideas.

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#### interventionist

Willingness (in the case of a powerful nation) to become involved in international affairs.

#### isolationism

The political decision to withdraw from unnecessary involvement with other nations.

#### multipolar

An international system that has multiple centres of power.

#### neoconservative

A political ideology characterised by free market economics and an interventionist foreign policy.

#### perestroika

The policy to restructure the Soviet economy after 1985.

#### realist

A theory of international relations that asserts that state actors are guided by geopolitical factors and conflicts, rather than ideas.

#### self-determination

The idea that nations can freely elect their own governments without outside interference.

#### sovereignty

The idea that all states should be free from outside interference to determine their own political future.

#### sphere of influence

The demand of a major power to be surrounded by smaller neighbours that are sympathetic to its political system.

#### superpower

A great power that dominates the international system, has global reach that is underpinned by a strong economy and possesses superior military capacity.

#### unilateral

Conducting foreign affairs with minimal consultation with other nations.

#### unipolar

An international system that is dominated by one nation.

#### **KEY DOCUMENTS AND EVENTS**

#### 'The American Century', Henry Luce

This document outlined the argument for the United States to become more involved in the world. It was published in *Life* magazine on 17 February 1941, before the attack on Pearl Harbor brought America into the war.

#### The Clash of Civilizations?

Samuel P Huntington's post-Cold War analysis of the future of conflict in the world. He argued that future conflict would be based on civilisations.

#### George HW Bush's 'New World Order' speech

George HW Bush announced the creation of a 'new world order' to deal with the threat of Iraq to international peace and security.

#### Boris Yeltsin's speech during the August 1991 coup

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Yeltsin's speech positioned him as a champion of constitutional reform and demanded that communist hardliners return Gorbachev to power. It was delivered at a time of great uncertainty about the future of Russia and the Soviet Union.

#### George W Bush's State of the Union address, 29 January 2002

President Bush's announcement of the 'war on terror'. The first State of the Union address after the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks.

#### Osama bin Laden's 'Letter to America', November 2002

In this letter, bin Laden outlined his reasons for the terrorist campaign against the United States. He cited a range of American foreign policy actions around the world as inspiration for his attacks.

#### Vladamir Putin's 'Munich speech', 12 February 2007

Putin's 'Munich speech' was a strongly worded denunciation of United States foreign policy during the 'war on terror' and the expansion of NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) into the former Eastern European bloc.

#### Project for a New American Century

This neoconservative document was critical of the drift of American foreign policy during the 1990s and called for a more focused foreign policy. Many of those who signed it later became significant figures in the George W Bush administration.

#### **BRIC** Delhi Declaration, 2012

The Delhi Declaration was a joint statement by the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China), calling for reform of international institutions and criticising the US's militaristic and unilateral actions during the 'war on terror'.

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