

Reading Guide – Chapter 29

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Protest and Stagnation: The Western World, 1965-1985

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1 – A Culture of Protest

1. What new attitudes about sex developed from the post-war **permissive society**?

2. What were the youth and student protests primarily concerned with, particularly in France, 1968?

How did these revolts continue a long-held French tradition?

3. What is feminism?

What did Betty Friedan's book *The Feminine Mystique* contribute to the women's liberation movement?

4. How did European youth view the U.S. war in Vietnam?

2 – A Divided Western World

1. What was the Brezhnev Doctrine?

As Khrushchev's successor, how did Leonid Brezhnev view reform?

2. What were Brezhnev's economic policies?

What two major economic problems did the Soviet Union face as a result?

3. What social and economic problems was the Soviet Union dealing with in the 1980s?

4. What was the **Solidarity** movement in Poland?

Who was its leader, and how did it try to gain independence from Soviet rule? Who supported it?

5. What was the **Prague Spring** of 1968? What caused it to emerge?

What ended the Prague Spring?

How is this similar to the Hungarian experience of 1956?

6. Why did East Germany build the Berlin Wall? How did the wall affect their economy?

7. Who was Margaret Thatcher in Britain? What changes did she bring to the British government?

8. How did the European Community (EC) become integrated after 1970?

3 – The Cold War: The Move to Détente

1. How did the **Second Vietnam War** affect French-American relations?

What did the United States' failure to contain Communism in Vietnam show about the limitations of world super powers?

2. How was Mao Zedong's "Great Proletarian Revolution" in China different from the ambitions of the Soviet Union?

3. What was **détente**, and how was it practiced in the 1970s?

4. What was considered "the Soviet Union's Vietnam"? Why?

4 – Society and Culture in the Western World

1. What were the most revolutionary developments in science and technology in 1965-1985?

1. How did political parties respond to new environmental concerns in Europe?

3. Define **Postmodern Thought**:

Define **Poststructuralism** (or **deconstruction**):

2. What is "**magical realism**" in literature? How is it an example of postmodern thought?

3. What was the significance of punk rock music, particularly in Eastern Europe?

6. What is the political significance of sports events like the Olympic Games and the World Cup, particularly during the Cold War era?