

## Challenges of the 21st Century

Theme: America in the World

**Learning Objective 9.F:** Explain the causes and effects of the domestic and international challenges the United States has faced in the 21st century

### War on Terror

**KC-9.3.II.A:** In the wake of attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001, the United States launched military efforts against terrorism and lengthy, controversial conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

- 9/11 Attacks
  - Hijacked planes flown into \_\_\_\_\_ in NYC, \_\_\_\_\_, Shanksbury, PA
  - Planned by \_\_\_\_\_ and Osama Bin Laden
- Afghanistan
  - Controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_, giving refuge to \_\_\_\_\_
  - US invades, overthrows \_\_\_\_\_, new democratic government
  - Bin Laden killed in \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011
- Iraq
  - \_\_\_\_\_ administration claims Iraq has ties to Al Qaeda and \_\_\_\_\_
  - US invades \_\_\_\_\_ UN support, overthrow \_\_\_\_\_
  - Domestic and international criticism,
    - No link to Al Qaeda ever found
    - No WMDs ever found
    - US use of torture at \_\_\_\_\_ prison

### Civil Liberties and the War on Terror

**KC-9.3.II.B:** The war on terrorism sought to improve security within the United States but also raised questions about the protection of civil liberties and human rights.

- Increased Security
  - \_\_\_\_\_ multiple agencies combined to share information
    - \_\_\_\_\_ position created by Congress
  - Airport security heightened with \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Liberties
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Act passed in response to terrorist attacks
    - Fed. gov. can obtain wiretaps, call logs of suspected terrorists

- \_\_\_\_\_ in Cuba holding suspected terrorists
  - Questions of \_\_\_\_\_ clarified in *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* (2004) and *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* (2006)

### Middle East and Climate Change

**KC-9.3.II.C: Conflicts in the Middle East and concerns about climate change led to debates over U.S. dependence on fossil fuels and the impact of economic consumption on the environment.**

- Conflicts in the Middle East
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - wave of democratic revolutions from N. Africa to Mid. East
    - US provides aid to oust dictators, \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rise of \_\_\_\_\_ - Power vacuum created by weak gov. in \_\_\_\_\_, and Civil War in \_\_\_\_\_
    - Fundamentalist Islamic sect, led by \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ forces in N. Iraq central to defeat of ISIL
- Fossil Fuels
  - \_\_\_\_\_ still controls majority of oil supply, high prices led to \_\_\_\_\_ in US (high environmental cost)
- Environmental Concerns
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 1997 Treaty commits countries to reduce greenhouse emissions. (US does not ratify)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2015, similar to Kyoto commitment.
    - US joins under executive agreement, US withdrawal under Trump, rejoins under Biden

### Economic and Foreign Policy Challenges

**KC-9.3.II.D: Despite economic and foreign policy challenges, the United States continued as the world's leading superpower in the 21st century.**

- Economic challenges
  - \_\_\_\_\_ burst in 2001, tech stock prices plummet
  - \_\_\_\_\_ caused by \_\_\_\_\_ (lending to untrustworthy borrowers)
    - Bank failures → slowing economic activity and unemployment up to \_\_\_\_\_
    - Government response similar to Great Depression - \_\_\_\_\_ (2009) ~\$800 B
  - COVID recession and rising inflation
    - Inflation caused by government stimulus and rising oil prices from \_\_\_\_\_

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- Foreign Policy challenges
  - Prolonged involvement in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_, hacking of government agencies in 2020/21
- Leading superpower
  - World's largest \_\_\_\_\_ by GDP
  - Largest defense spending per capita

**Recap**

- The United States began a war on Terror in response to the terrorist attacks on 9/11
- The War on Terror increased security but brought on questions about civil liberties
- US energy policy debate continues with concerns of the environment and reliance on foreign powers
- The US is still a leading superpower despite economic and foreign policy problems.

**Part II**

**Short Answer Questions**

Answer the following in AT LEAST three sentences.

1. Explain the causes and effects of the domestic and international challenges the United States has faced in the 21st century

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**The 9/11 Commission Report, “Reflecting On A Generational Challenge” (2004)**

Retrieved from: <http://www.americanvawp.com/reader/30-the-recent-past/the-911-commission-report-reflecting-on-a-generational-challenge-2004/>

Our enemy is twofold: al Qaeda, a stateless network of terrorists that struck us on 9/11; and a radical ideological movement in the Islamic world, inspired in part by al Qaeda, which has spawned terrorist groups and violence across the globe. The first enemy is weakened, but continues to pose a grave threat. The second enemy is gathering, and will menace Americans and American interests long after Usama Bin Ladin and his cohorts are killed or captured. Thus our strategy must match our means to two ends: dismantling the al Qaeda network and prevailing in the longer term over the ideology that gives rise to Islamist terrorism.

Islam is not the enemy. It is not synonymous with terror. Nor does Islam teach terror. America and its friends oppose a perversion of Islam, not the great world faith itself. Lives guided by religious faith, including literal beliefs in holy scriptures, are common to every religion, and represent no threat to us.

Other religions have experienced violent internal struggles. With so many diverse adherents, every major religion will spawn violent zealots. Yet understanding and tolerance among people of different faiths can and must prevail.

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Our second goal is to prevent regimes that sponsor terror from threatening America or our friends and allies with weapons of mass destruction. Some of these regimes have been pretty quiet since September the 11th. But we know their true nature. North Korea is a regime arming with missiles and weapons of mass destruction, while starving its citizens.

Iran aggressively pursues these weapons and exports terror, while an unelected few repress the Iranian people's hope for freedom. Iraq continues to flaunt its hostility toward America and to support terror. The Iraqi regime has plotted to develop anthrax, and nerve gas, and nuclear weapons for over a decade. This is a regime that has already used poison gas to murder thousands of its own citizens—leaving the bodies of mothers huddled over their dead children. This is a regime that agreed to international inspections—then kicked out the inspectors. This is a regime that has something to hide from the civilized world.

States like these, and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world. By seeking weapons of mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger. They could provide these arms to terrorists, giving them the means to match their hatred. They could attack our allies or attempt to blackmail the United States. In any of these cases, the price of indifference would be catastrophic.

We will work closely with our coalition to deny terrorists and their state sponsors the materials, technology, and expertise to make and deliver weapons of mass destruction. ... And all nations should know: America will do what is necessary to ensure our nation's security.

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