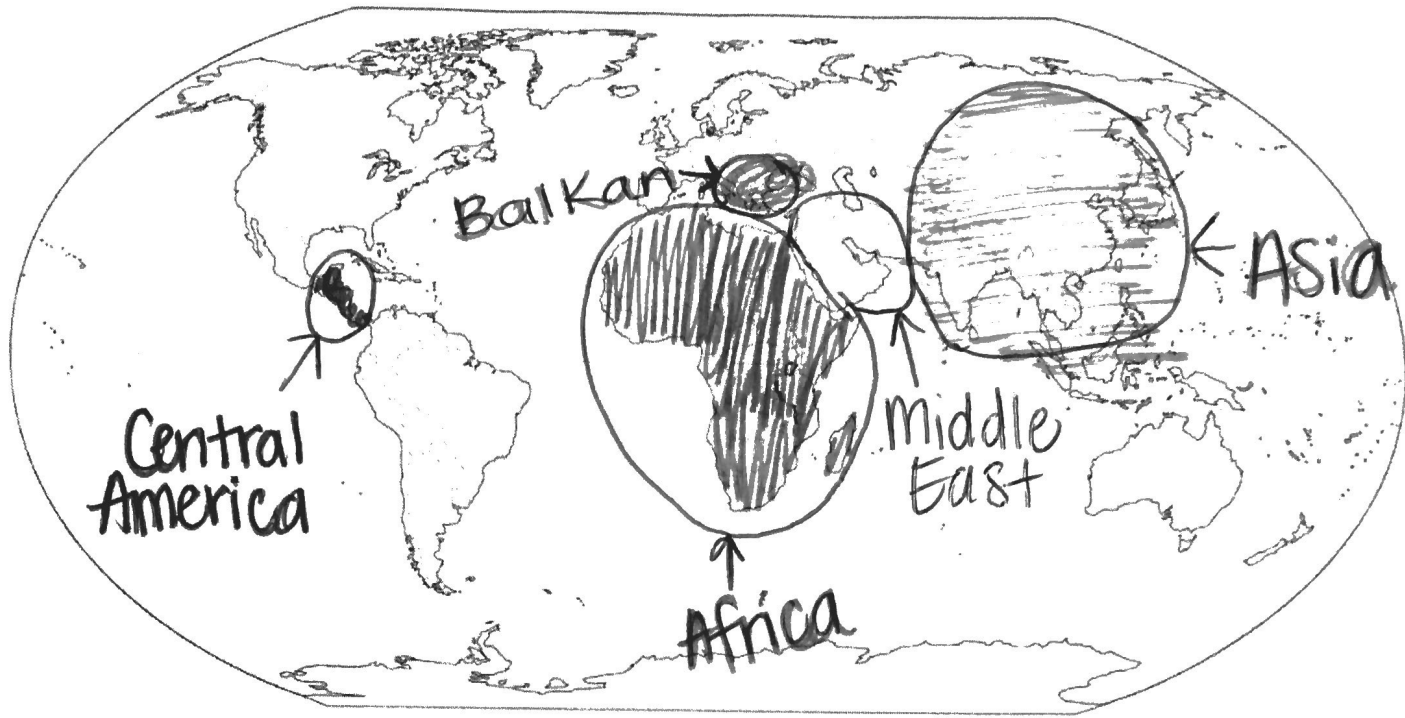


The Collapse of Soviet Union to today

- The United States assisted in the rebuilding of Europe through the Marshall Plan and NATO
- The U.S. also supported their former enemies, Japan and Germany, to contain communism.
- Both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. developed nuclear weapons and space technology and became the world's military "Superpowers."
- When the U.S.S.R. collapsed, the U.S. became the SOLE SUPER POWER

U.S. Involvement Today

MAP



U.S. and the Middle East

MAJOR CONFLICTS:

- oil reserves
- Jews v Muslims
- U.S. freed Kuwait from Iraq.
- Al Qaeda attacked U.S. on 9/11
- U.S. overthrows Afghanistan and Iraq.

U.S. and the Middle East
- the U.S. became involved with the Middle East because of oil reserves.

- the U.S. supports the Jewish country Israel due to the violence of WWII.

- Religious conflicts between Jews (Israel) and Muslims (Pakistan) cause terrorist activities and wars in the region.

- When Iraq invaded Kuwait due to oil, the U.S. sent troops to free Kuwait from Iraq. (this made Saudi Arabia dislike the U.S. for getting involved.

government of
Afghanistan

- Al Qaeda attacked the
World Trade Center on
September 11, 2001.

- the U.S. sent troops
to overthrow Al Qaeda
and Iraq, where the
U.S. thought there were
weapons of mass
destruction.

→ Osama Bin
Laden

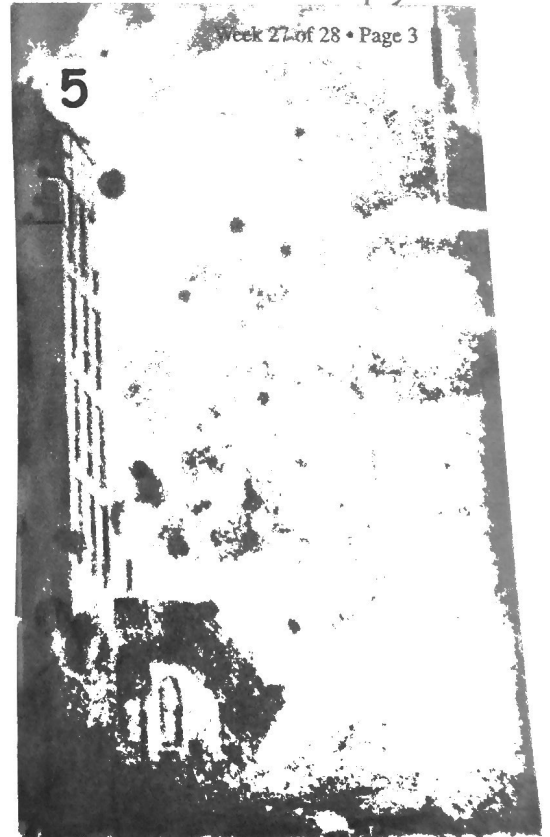
- leader of
terrorist group
Al Qaeda

Saddam
Hussein

← put to
death
by
Iraqi
government

- dictator
of Iraq.

Killed
by
U.S.
military
forces





The Middle East

★ The Taliban government in Afghanistan and the dictatorship in Iraq both ended

★ American Troops are still stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq today to help establish democratic governments.

U.S. and Central America

- the U.S. has a military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

- many immigrants have come to the U.S. from Central America that have impacted our country.

U.S. and Africa

- The U.S. has helped Africa with humanitarian aid to drought-stricken and war-torn areas.

people helping
people have better
lives.

U.S. and the Balkan Region
- The U.S. took a military and diplomatic role in stopping human rights violations.

Walters Crew

U.S. and Asia

- the U.S., China, and Russia had rival economies (powerful)

- trade relations with China are a concern.

Homeland Security

- A governmental agency created by George W. Bush that increased security to prevent another terrorist attack.

Technology

Pros

- rapid communication
- faster trade in goods
- increased person entertainment (ipads/internet).

Cons

- industries have downsized.

- compete for jobs
- cultural conflict.

Culture

Music

- American music genres have spread around the world.

- Jazz was created by African Americans and transferred to Europe during WWI.

- Country music developed in the colonial backcountry that was heavily settled by the Scots-Irish.

- Rock and Roll developed from jazz and the blues but was heavily influenced by The Beatles.

Fashion

- Blue jeans developed during the California Gold Rush.

Culture

Food

- brought in by immigrants
- only true American food is corn.
- American fast food and products can be found all over the world.

Movies

- American movies and television~~s~~ are shown all over the world.
- Some countries have banned American movies in their country that offends their religious and moral values.
- Movie stars from around the world star in American films.
- Some countries have started their own movie industries like Bollywood in the Middle East.

Culture
Movies (continued)
- The United States has used reality and game show ideas from other countries.

Sports

- Stickball/Baseball originated in U.S.
- Basketball
- Soccer - most popular sport in the world.

Globalization

- allows for people and products to freely travel from one nation to another.

- economies of many nations are greatly affected by one another.

examples: North American Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- European Union

- The rising influence of China

- have helped increase trade around the world but have a negative impact on industries and jobs in the U.S.

Human Actions and the Environment

Examples of effects: the creation of byproducts that contribute to pollution of the environment.

Pollutants contribute to air and water pollution, impact the atmosphere, and contribute to global warming.

Global warming has resulted from the hole in the ozone layer caused by

pollutants and led to the melting of the polar ice caps.

- Concerns about global warming and about the worldwide extinction of plants and animals have prompted conservation efforts.

- Increases in world population and the demand this places on limited world resources has resulted in an increased awareness that Americans use more resources and create more pollution than others in industrialized nations.