



What Citizens Need to Know About World Affairs



What Citizens Need to Know About World Affairs addresses select District of Columbia World History Standards.

World History - Grade 10 Political Ideas, Turning Points, and Institutions

Content Standard 7: Students understand the historical evolution of political ideas, ideologies, and institutions. They see how different political institutions have affected human life and how technological, economic, social, cultural, religious, and philosophical forces in history have shaped politics.

Performance Standards

The Student:

- analyzes the origins and goals of anti-colonial movements in Asia, Africa, and the Americas after WWII;
- explains the purposes, organizations, and fluctuating influence of the United Nations;
- explains the Cold War in Europe, as it relates to NATO, the Marshall Plan, the Berlin Airlift, Western European unity, and unprecedented prosperity;
- describes the external pressures and internal problems that brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union and the liberation of Eastern Europe, ending the Cold War;
- explains how African and Asian countries achieved independence from European colonial rule.

- *Part V, World Regions – A Historical Sketch, focuses on Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas.*
 - *Chapter 18 focuses on Europe and traces the history, politics, economics and social issues of the European nations. The causes and consequences of World War II and the Cold War are addressed as well as the fall of the Soviet Union and the liberation of Eastern Europe. Related chapter links include, 1989: Ten Years After the Fall of Communism in East/Central Europe, Berlin Airlift Web Site, and European Free Trade Association.*
 - *Chapter 19 focuses on the Middle East and the ongoing conflicts in that region. Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information Home Page and Gulf News Online are examples of related web site links that supplement chapter information.*

- *Chapter 20 focuses on Africa and the development of the independent African nations. The Anglo Boer War Museum, African Issues, and African Voices provide timely information on chapter topics.*
- *Chapter 21 focuses on Asia and the Pacific and includes profiles of Japanese and Chinese conflicts. China History, Conferences during World War II, and Hinduism Online supplement chapter information.*
- *Chapter 22 focuses on the Americas and discusses the Monroe Doctrine. Amazon Watch Home Page and Caribbean Basin Initiative are web sites that are accessed through chapter links.*