

# Unit 1: The 2000's: America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Foreign Relations	Economic Crisis	The War on Terror	The Iraq War	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Changes
Chapter 34:2 (1082-1088)	Chapter 34:2 (1082-1088)	Epilogue (1100-1104)	Epilogue (1104-1106)	Chapter 34:4 (1088-1096)
China	Housing Crisis	9/11 Attacks	WMD	Science & Technology
Russia	Bank Failures	Afghan Invasion	Invasion	Genetics & Health
Europe	\$700 Billion	Security vs. Rights	Occupation	Immigration Debate
Middle East	Globalization	Guantanamo Prison	Global Reaction	Wealth & Poverty
Africa	Recovery Plan	Al Qaeda	The Surge & Beyond	Terrorism & War
Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question
How should America use its influence worldwide? How should it not use it?	What should the role of government be in times of economic crisis?	What is the most effective strategy to deter terrorism in the US and abroad?	Why is the Middle East so important to US foreign policy?	Will the 21 <sup>st</sup> century be an improvement over the 20 <sup>th</sup> century? How? Why?

Identification Terms				
Barack Obama	John McCain	George Bush	Dick Cheney	Colin Powell
Condoleezza Rice	Osama Bin Laden	Saddam Hussein	Weapons of MD	September 11
Housing Crisis	Bank Failures	Patriot Act	Taliban	Shiite/Sunni
Hillary Clinton	M. Ahmadinejad	Guantanamo	Globalization	Vladimir Putin
Fannie Mae	Amer. International Group	European Union	Palestine & Israel	Global Warming
Iraq War	African Union	Zimbabwe	AIDS	Darfur Crisis
Communism	NATO	Health Care Crisis	Genetic Engineering	Social Networking

Website Reviews	
1.	<a href="http://whitehous.gov">http://whitehous.gov</a> This website is an interactive site for the policies and speeches of President of the United States, Barack Obama.
2.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/bushswar/">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/bushswar/</a> This website highlights the Iraq War, from 2001 to 2008 and Bush's role in it.
3.	<a href="http://911digitalarchive.org/">http://911digitalarchive.org/</a> This website is an enormous collection of eyewitness accounts, video, images and more from September 11.
4.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/meltdown/">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/meltdown/</a> This website explains how the nation's current economic crisis began and spread.
5.	<a href="http://www.cfr.org/publication/20018/">http://www.cfr.org/publication/20018/</a> This website provides an interactive timeline explaining the US War in Afghanistan from 2001-2009.
6.	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_on_Terrorism">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_on_Terrorism</a> This Wikipedia article is extensive and explains many different aspects of the war on terror.
7.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/aids/">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/aids/</a> This documentary website explores how AIDS has impacted the world and the United States.
8.	<a href="http://www.savedarfur.org/">http://www.savedarfur.org/</a> This website explores the genocide currently going on in Africa, specifically in Sudan. It is an effort to stop it.
9.	<a href="http://www.state.gov/secretary/">http://www.state.gov/secretary/</a> This website is the home for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and all of her policies, ideas and work.
10.	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/commandingheights/">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/commandingheights/</a> This website explores the spread of globalization in the world's economies and its influence.

RAFTS Assignments	
1.	You are a female Iranian college student. You've been asked to design posters for local protests against Iran's theocratic rule. Design one.
2.	You are a member of Doctors Without Borders. You've been asked to go to Zimbabwe and immunize children from malaria. Blog your travels.
3.	You are a fireman survivor of 9/11. On an audio recording, describe what you remember about that day, and what you want to forget.
4.	You are the lead designer of the new iPhone. Explain five new ways you hope your device can improve people's lives in poor countries.
5.	You are Vice President Richard Cheney. In a meeting with President Bush, explain your three top reasons for going to war against Iraq in 2003.
6.	You are an Iraqi War veteran. Using art as a therapeutic tool, draw a representation of your dreams since you have returned home from duty.
7.	You are writing a novel about the world 100 years from now. Tell your story from the point of view of a time-traveler. How is it different?
8.	You are an activist focusing on genetic engineering. Design a web commercial explaining the benefits and dangers of cloning.
9.	You are an undercover operative in the Taliban militia. Using a secret satellite phone, describe what you've learned to your boss in the CIA.
10.	You are President Barack Obama. In an interview with a high school student, explain how the presidency has changed your life and vision.

Short Essay Questions	
1.	Describe (and rate the historic impact of) the political, economic, military & social changes brought about as a result of the 9/11 attacks.
2.	Has globalization benefited or hurt the American economy? Evaluate its economic impact & provide evidence to support your conclusion.
3.	To what extent has genetic engineering affected science, agriculture, reproduction, medicine, military technology and culture in America?
4.	Explain how success is achieved in the 'War on Terror' through military, law enforcement, diplomatic, economic & social means.
5.	Examine the impact of poverty in American society. How should US policy reflect your conclusions of poverty's influence on American life?
6.	What are the advantages and disadvantages of universal, government-supported health care in the United States? Be specific.
7.	Provide a military, political, diplomatic, economic and social assessment of the Iraq War (invasion and occupation). List 5 conclusions?
8.	How will Europe, Latin America, Russia, Africa or the Middle East affect US foreign policy in the next 100 years. Choose two & explain.
9.	Describe China's geopolitical and economic influence in the context of American foreign policy. Will a conflict emerge? Why or why not?
10.	US political, economic and military influence in the Middle East is a national security priority. Defend or oppose this claim with evidence.