

End of the Cold War

Soviet Union

- Command economy stagnates.
- Arms race strains economy.
- Afghanistan provokes crisis in morale.
- Glasnost
- Perestroika

Eastern Europe

- Gorbachev's policies feed unrest.
- Baltic States regain independence.
- Hungary reforms.
- Poland embraces Solidarity.
- East Germans flee to the West.
- Czechoslovakia elects Havel.
- Ceausescu is overthrown in Romania.

Rest of the World

- China pursues economic reform.
- Vietnam establishes diplomatic relations with the United States.
- Cuban economy declines.