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12. What is the Non-Aligned Nations? What are their goals?
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14. Explain the process of decolonization in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Refer to specific events.
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16. How has technology changed the world's economy?
17. What is meant by the Pacific Rim? What economic impact did it have on the world during the 20th century?
18. What are multinational corporations? What power do they have?
19. How did the roles of women transform during the 20th century? Use examples from countries of different regions.
20. What changes took place in art during the 20th century? How did art become more for the masses than before?
21. What major migrations took place during the 20th century? Name specific examples (think of people who moved because of war, famine, religious reasons, economic reasons, and communism).
22. What effect has environmental issues had on the world? Name specific environmental concerns from different areas of the world.
23. What accounts for the huge increase in world population? What problems did/does this present?
24. What role did women have in political revolutions and how did those revolutions affect the role of women? (Russian, Chinese, Cuban, and Iranian)
25. What were the patterns of economic development in Africa, Asia, and Latin America?
26. Explain the concept of "West" and "East" as it relates to the Cold War era.
27. Compare high tech warfare with guerrilla warfare.
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