

The Rise and Fall of Communism

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Summary

This book is about the history of communism, how it became popular, and how it fell from popularity.

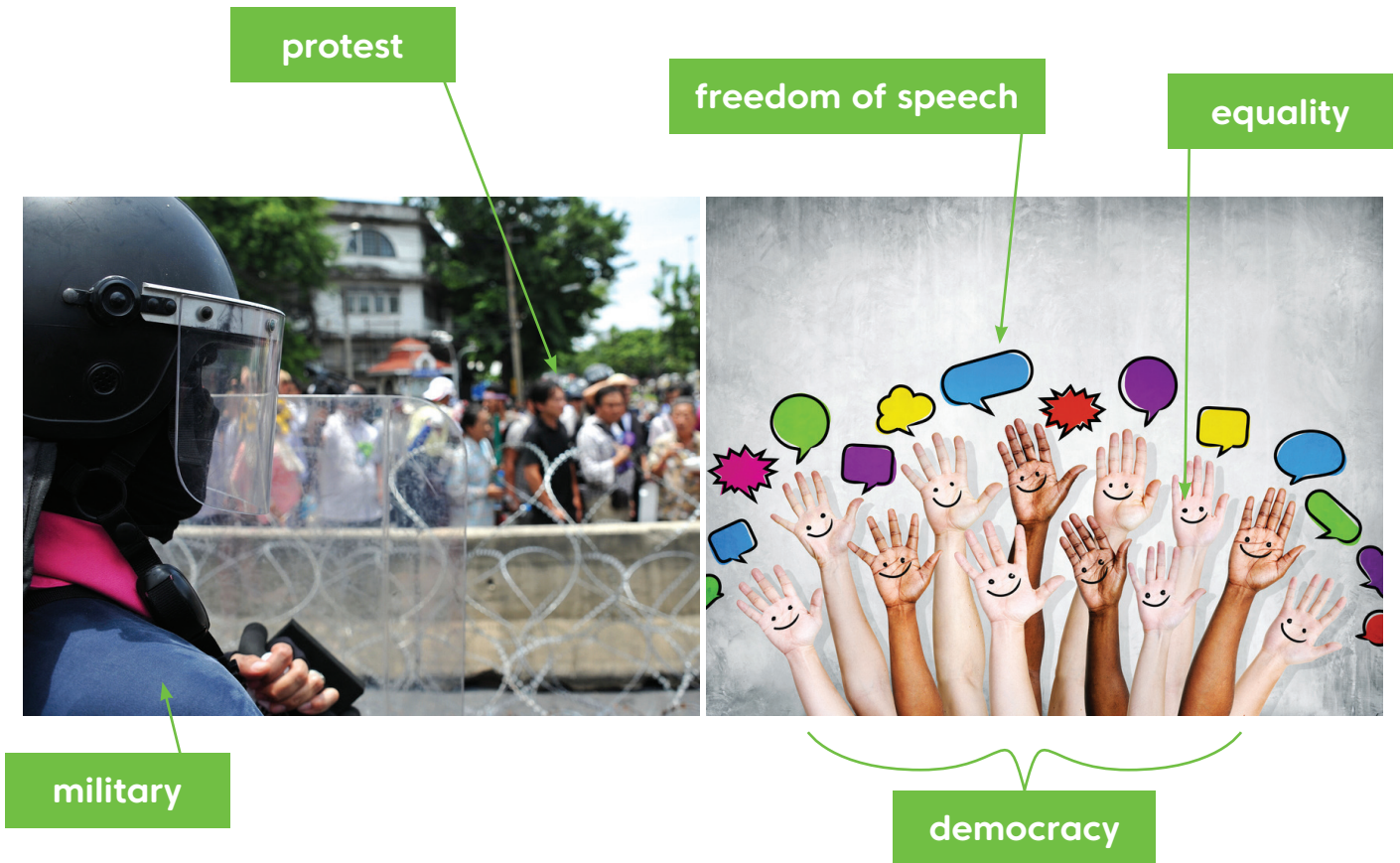
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What type of uniform is the man wearing? _____
2. What are the people in the first picture doing? _____
3. What type of government system allows everyone to vote? _____
4. What is it called when everyone has the same rights? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

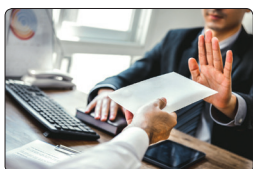
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• a. race

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• b. opposite

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• c. reject

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• d. reward

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• e. chief

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• f. factory

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• g. wealth

8.



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• h. communism

B Write the word for each definition.

perfection

democracy

dominate

influence

equality

1. _____ a system of government where all the people choose their leaders
2. _____ being equal and having the same rights
3. _____ the power to affect people, actions, or events
4. _____ a state of being exactly right or having no mistakes
5. _____ to control or have power over someone or something

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. There are many famous books that describe an amazing society in the future.
a. neighborhood b. utopia c. freedom d. communist
2. Some animals exist in groups with one strong animal controlling the others.
a. arguing with b. influencing c. perfecting d. dominating
3. The right to live as you choose is an important idea in many modern societies.
a. Freedom b. Communism c. Perfection d. Utopia
4. Many cultures in the past were ruled by a leader.
a. military b. chief c. superpower d. race

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. With capitalism, people became richer and had higher standards of living.
 b. The Soviet Union showing its power by having warplanes in Cuba.
 c. Communism is the idea that all people are born equal to each other.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

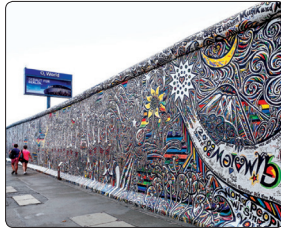
- What is the idea or philosophy behind a perfect society or utopia?
 - Capitalism
 - Socialism
 - Communism
 - Military
- Which superpowers tried to control the world during the Cold War?
 - China and the USA
 - The Soviet Union and the UK
 - The UK and the USA
 - The USA and the Soviet Union
- Which is true?
 - Very few people became rich in capitalist countries.
 - Socialist countries had many wealthy people.
 - Those in communist countries usually had little money.
 - The UK and USA were socialist countries.

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A picture of a very famous communist leader
- b. A famous military weapon
- c. A machine used by factory workers
- d. A symbol of equality between all people
- e. A symbol that reminds us of two different systems of government



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ The first description of communism can be found in Europe about 300 years ago.
2. _____ Lenin introduced communism in Russia before it was used in China.
3. _____ There have been no communist countries in Africa.
4. _____ One important idea within communism is freedom for each person.
5. _____ The Berlin Wall divided the capitalist and communist parts of Germany.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. The owners of _____ wanted to gain wealth by paying many people to work for them.
factories utopia
2. The _____ personal choice was a problem in communism.
dominate lack of
3. Marx and Engels believed that _____ would become popular in many countries.
capitalism communism
4. _____ for everyone is the main idea of a utopia.
Perfection Democracy
5. A very strong country that has a lot of control and political influence is called a _____.
superpower wealth

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Mikhail Gorbachev was chosen as the leader of the Soviet Union.
- b. _____ The building of the Berlin Wall began, separating Germany into two parts.
- c. _____ Sir Thomas Moore wrote a book about a perfect society.
- d. _____ Two men suggested that communism would soon replace capitalism.
- e. _____ Russia was ruled by a group of men with a communist system of government.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
The _____ first discussed the idea of a utopia 2000 years ago.	Some countries changed from communism to a slightly freer system called _____.	Many countries changed from communism after the Berlin Wall began to come down in _____.	By the 1960s, communist governments had taken control of China, North Korea, Cuba, and even some _____ nations.	The problem with _____ today is that a lot of money is owned by a small number of people.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.