

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.

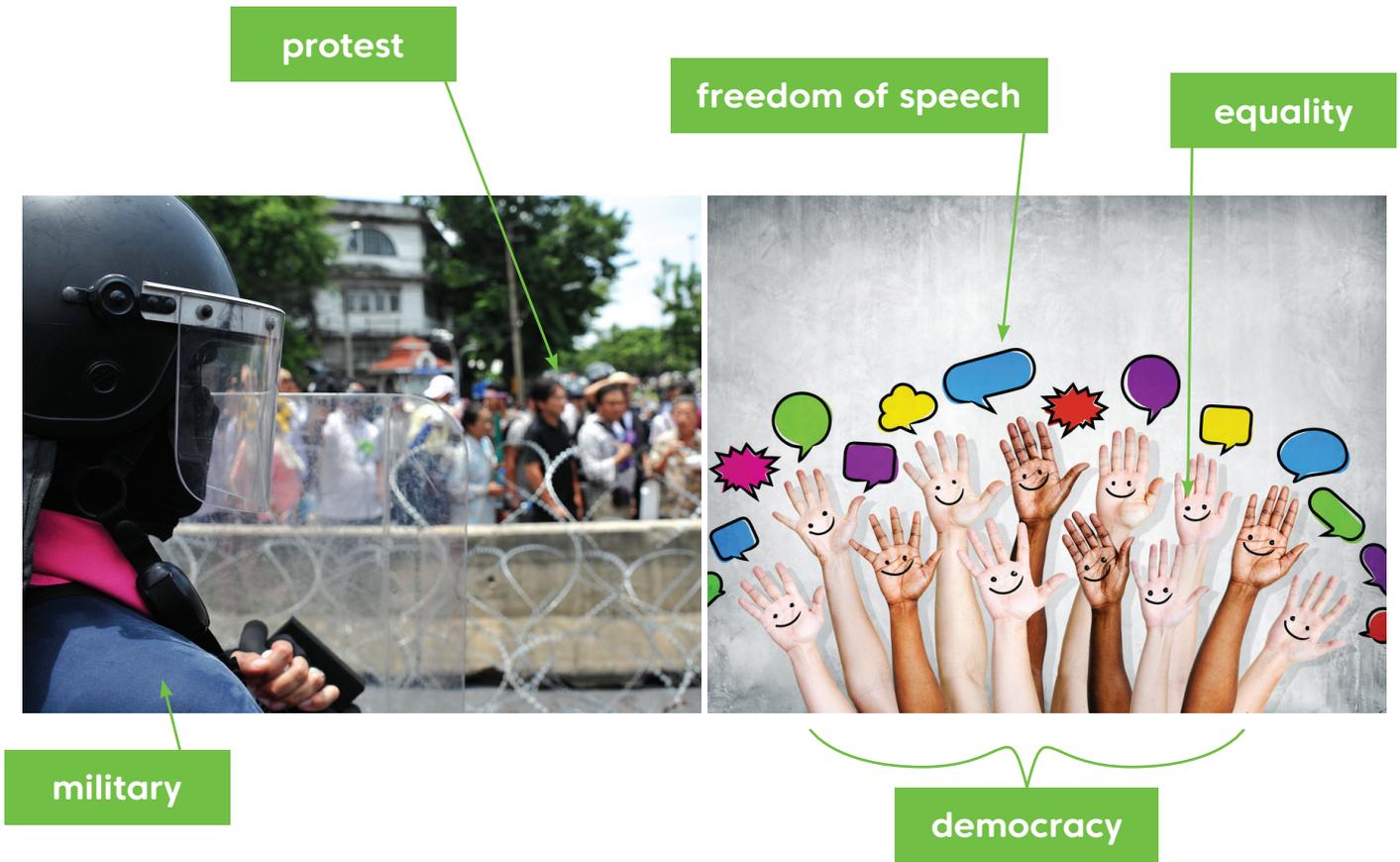
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Before Reading

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.

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



• a. race

• b. opposite

• c. reject

• d. reward

• e. chief

• f. factory

• g. wealth

• 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.

1. What is the idea or philosophy behind a perfect society or utopia?
 - a. Capitalism
 - b. Socialism
 - c. Communism
 - d. Military

2. Which superpowers tried to control the world during the Cold War?
 - a. China and the USA
 - b. The Soviet Union and the UK
 - c. The UK and the USA
 - d. The USA and the Soviet Union

3. Which is true?
 - a. Very few people became rich in capitalist countries.
 - b. Socialist countries had many wealthy people.
 - c. Those in communist countries usually had little money.
 - d. 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 _____

_____.