

## The World in the 1990s: Between the Cold War and Terrorism

### I. The Halcyon Days of the 1990s

### II. Cases

#### A. End of the Cold War

1. Attempted Coup in Soviet Union (August 19–22, 1991)
  - a. Mikhail Gorbachev (1931–), General Secretary of CPSU (1985–1991)
  - b. Gennady Yanayev (1937–), Vice-President
  - c. Boris Yeltsin (1931–), President of Russia (1991–2000)
2. End of Soviet Union (December 25, 1991)

#### B. Natural Disasters, NGOs, and IOs

1. Hurricane Mitch (category-5)
  - a. Honduras (October 27–30, 1998)
    - (1) 10,000 fatalities; 7,000 missing
    - (2) 80% of infrastructure affected
    - (3) Michael Glantz: “A failed attempt at disaster response by the international community”
  - b. Nicaragua
2. AIDS

#### C. Genocides

1. Rwanda (April–July 1994)
  - a. Hutus
  - b. Tutsis
    - (1) Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF)
  - c. refugee camps (Goma, Zaire)
    - (1) Kibumba
    - (2) North Kivu
2. Serbia, Kosovo, and “Ethnic Cleansing”

#### D. Globalization

1. Thomas L. Friedman. *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* (1998, 2000)
  - a. Golden Straitjacket
  - b. Electronic Herd
    - (1) Short-Horn Cattle
    - (2) Long-Horn Cattle
  - c. free-market democracies vs. free-market kleptocracies
  - d. transparent vs. non-transparent countries
  - e. connectivity
  - f. glocalism
2. Oil and Drugs