

**UNIT 12 - STUDY GUIDE**  
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Current Issues - A Changing World Order

**Overview:** At the beginning of this century, the Cold War was over and America was the only remaining superpower. The old threat of communism was being replaced by new threats including terrorism and global warming. The nations of the world are now more closely linked than ever before by communication technologies and commerce, yet many people in the world are still struggling to find enough food to stay alive. Meanwhile, the U.S. has become involved in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and China has become the world's newest superpower.

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**Essential Question: What is human nature?**

Is it appropriate for the U.S. to tell other nations they can't have nuclear weapons when America has many of them?

**Essential Question: Can we know the truth?**

During the Cold War was it acceptable for the U.S. to secretly overthrow foreign governments without the knowledge of the American people?

What did Jefferson mean when he said, "The people are the ultimate guardians of their own liberty?"  
Can a democracy function without a free press and informed citizens?

**Essential Question: What makes a good society?**

How could ending extreme poverty help the rich nations?  
What principles and values should the United States stand for?

**Essential Question: When is war justified?**

When is it appropriate for the United States to go to war?

**Historical Force: How does trade make history?**

How did the Japanese economic development model after WWII differ from those of India and China?  
Is China a friendly trading partner of the U.S., or is China a threat to the U.S.?

**Historical Force: How does human choice make history?**

Was the U.S. wise to overthrow the democratic governments in Guatemala and Iran in the early 1950s?

1. Read for understanding pages 45 - 48 of the *Student's Friend*. Demonstrate your understanding by summarizing KEY POINTS for the 8 main topics on pages 45 and 46 with answers to the questions: What is it? Why is it important? And by answering STUDY QUESTIONS for pages 47 and 48.

2. Correctly spell the 16 main topics on pages 45 through 48 of the *Student's Friend*.

3. Locate on a map of the earth the following places: Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Tunisia, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Sudan, Serbia.

4. Be familiar with major events on a timeline from the Big Bang through the present.

5. In today's world, what is the United States afraid of?

6. How is ethnic cleansing different from genocide?