

## DBQ: The End of History Document-Based Question

What we are witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or a passing of a particular period of postwar history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.

Francis Fukuyama, *The End of History and the Last Man* (New York: Free Press, 1992).

1. Imagine reading these words in 1992 from the perspective of a (a) free-market capitalist, (b) resident of Russia, and (c) communist living in China.
2. How have Fukuyama's words held up? Is "Western liberal democracy" universal today in practice? Is it the preferred economic and political system in your country?