

# The World After 1991



THE WORLD

POLITICAL

Scale: 1:100,000,000

Legend:

- Population
- Area
- City
- Country
- Sea
- Ocean
- Mountain
- Plateau
- Desert
- Forest
- Water
- Ice
- Swamp
- Marsh
- Wetland
- Shrubland
- Savanna
- Grassland
- Steppe
- Tundra
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# Fall of the Soviet Union

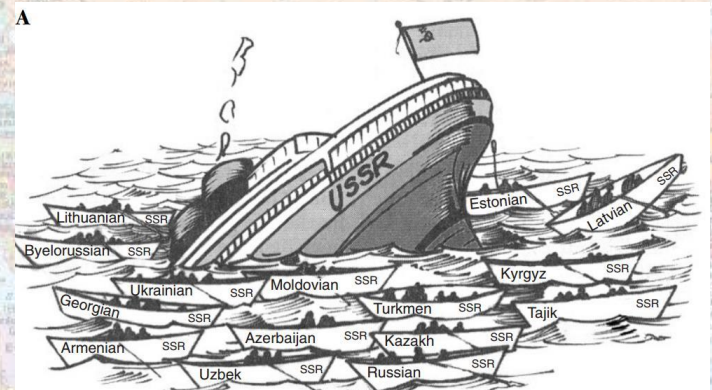
- The Soviet Union was officially dismantled Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 1991

- Replaced by the Russian Federation

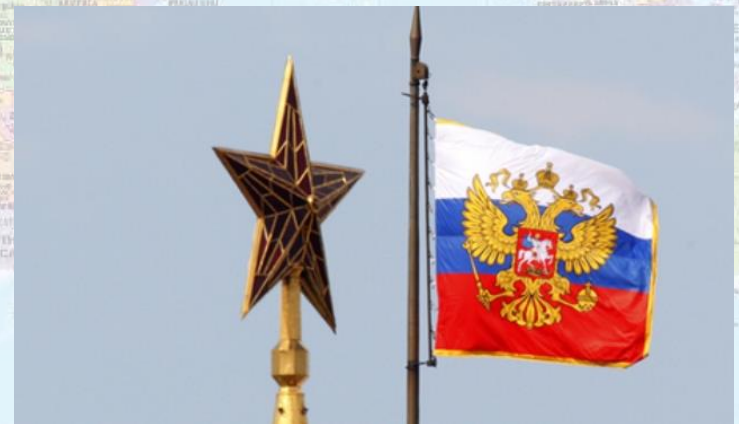
- End of the Cold War

- Eastern Bloc countries left to find new identity

- Many turn to EU



Source: Sue Ann Kime and Paul Stich, *Global History*, N & N Publishing (adapted)



# The Gulf War

- Iraq invaded Kuwait in Aug 1990
  - Arab states of Saudi Arabia and Egypt asked Western Powers to intervene
  - United States operations lasted 42 days
- Iraqis forced to accept cease-fire and stop all research into chemical and nuclear weapons



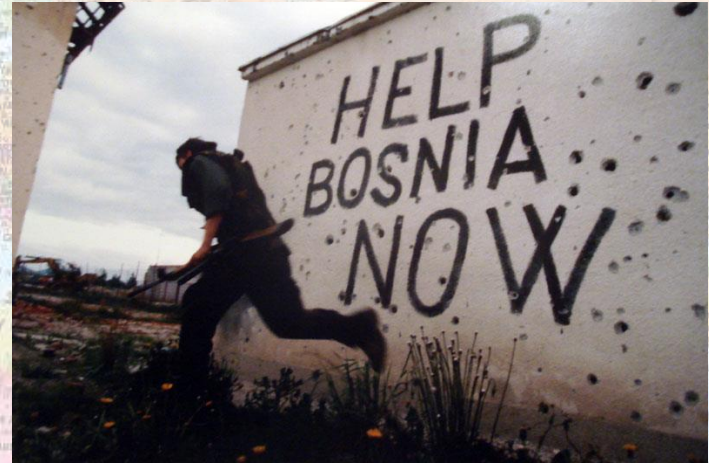
# Ending the Imperial Era

- Hong Kong
  - Handed over to the Chinese government in 1997
- Some protectorates remain
  - Allowed to remain mostly autonomous
  - Mostly belong to countries like Britain, Netherlands, France, and United States



# Ethnic Conflicts

- Superimposed boundaries resulting in conflict in ethnically diverse areas
  - Bosnia 1992
  - Rwanda 1994
  - Chechnya 1994-1996
  - Kosovo 1998-1999
- Fighting over control of power of multi-ethnic states



# War on Terror

- Sept 11, 2001
  - Members of Taliban attacked sites in United States using Hijacked passenger planes
- Began series of operations against global “terror” organizations
  - Operations in Afghanistan and Iraq



# Global Financial Crisis

- United States
  - Began in 2007
  - Caused by collapse in housing market
- Europe
  - European Union financial problems linked to recession in United States
  - Hit fragile economies hardest
    - Ireland
    - Greece
    - Spain
    - Portugal

# The Eastern Questions

- The Chinese Question
  - China's rise to dominance through their use as a manufacturer
  - Will they maintain dominance?
- The Russian Question
  - Russia having to come to grips with not being a mega world power anymore
  - What is Russia's role suppose to be?

