**Unit 8 – Cold War and Decolonization Topic 8.8 – End of the Cold War**

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| **Governance (GOV)**  A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes. | | |
| **Learning Objective** | **Historical Developments** | **Study Guide Notes** |
| Explain the causes of the end of the Cold War. | Advances in U.S. military and technological development, the Soviet Union’s costly and ultimately failed invasion of Afghanistan, and public discontent and economic weakness in communist countries led to the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union. |  |
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| **Respond to the Learning Objective:** | | |