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Review Questions

•What were the reasons for the Cold War competition between the USA and the USSR?

•Why did decolonization take place so quickly once the process had begun?

•How did the superpowers and the new nations attempt to use one another for their own benefit? Please give examples.

•What function do voluntary organizations serve in a society? Give examples of how a voluntary organization has changed the policies of a country.

•Why did ecological issues rise to such great importance in the period 1945–85? Give some examples of the issues.

•Many observers have termed the period 1945–73 in western Europe especially a “golden age.” Why? Would the same term hold for Africa, Asia, or Latin America in that period? Why or why not?