

BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS (XXII)

1. What was the **appeal of communism**, in terms of both its **promise** and its **achievements**? To what extent did it fulfill that promise?
2. Why did the communist experiment, which was committed to equality and a humane socialism, **generate such oppressive, brutal, and totalitarian regimes**?
3. What is **distinctive about twentieth-century communist industrialization and modernization compared to the same processes in the West a century earlier**?
4. What was the **global significance of the cold war**?
5. **“The end of communism was as revolutionary as its beginning.”** Do you agree with this statement?
6. **In what different ways did the Soviet Union and China experience communism** during the twentieth century?