**Chapter 20—Collapse at the Center: World War, Depression, and the Rebalancing of Global Power, 1914–1970s**

**Seeking the Main Point**

**In what ways were the world wars and the Great Depression motors of global change in the history of the twentieth century?**

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| **Type of Change** | **World War I** | **The Great Depression** | **World War II** |
| **Political** |  |  |  |
| **Economic** |  |  |  |
| **Social** |  |  |  |
| **Cultural** |  |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers this question:*

**Compare and contrast the impact of World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II on the history of the twentieth century. Are they best understood as a series of distinct developments or as parts of a single larger development?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*