**The Collapse of the Soviet Union**

*The Cold War Ends*

**Directions:** Read pages 612 – 617 and complete the following:

**Main Idea:** REVOLUTION Democratic reforms __________________________________________________________________________________________

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**Why it matters now:** __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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**Cause & Effect:** As you read this section, explain how Communist leaders responded to each problem or crisis. **Be sure to use appropriate vocabulary, names, events, etc. as you respond.**

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<td>1. Soviet society had stopped growing as a result of totalitarian policies banning political dissent.</td>
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<td>2. The Soviet economy was inefficient and unproductive.</td>
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<td>3. The Soviet – U.S. arms race had become too costly.</td>
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5. The Soviet Union broke up.

6. The Russian economy under Boris Yeltsin was ailing.


**Document Analysis**

8. Read the excerpt below and examine the corresponding political cartoon. How does the reading show Mikhail Gorbachev’s ideas about the changes in Soviet life as a result of perestroika? How does the political cartoon further illustrate these views?

In 1987 Mikhail Gorbachev published a book entitled *perestroika: New Thinking for Our Country and the World*. It outlined his ideas about restructuring Soviet society. In the excerpt below, Gorbachev summarizes the goal of perestroika.

We are often asked what we want of *perestroika*. What are our final goals? We can hardly give a detailed, exact answer. It’s not our way to engage in prophesying [foretelling] and trying to predestinate [arrange in advance] all the architectural elements of the public building we will erect in the process of *perestroika*.

But in principle I can say that the end result of *perestroika* is clear to us. It is a thorough renewal of every aspect of Soviet life: it is giving socialism the most progressive forms of social organization: it is the fullest exposure of humanist nature of the humanist nature of our social system in its crucial aspects – economic, social, political and moral.

**Write answer here:**