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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

How did changes in technology make the world smaller?

How did technology change lifestyles from the 1980s through the early years of the twenty-first century?

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The 1980s

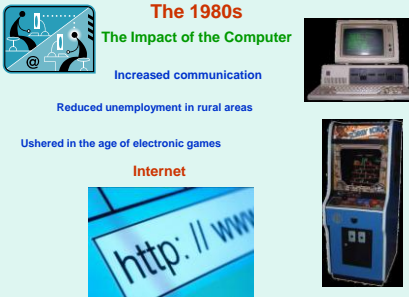
The Impact of the Computer

Increased communication

Reduced unemployment in rural areas

Ushered in the age of electronic games

Internet



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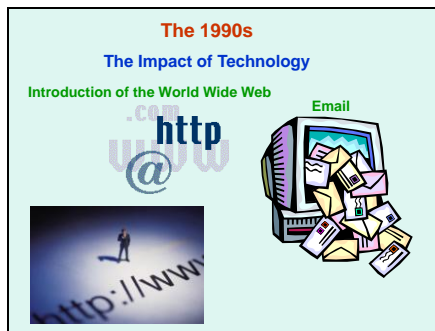
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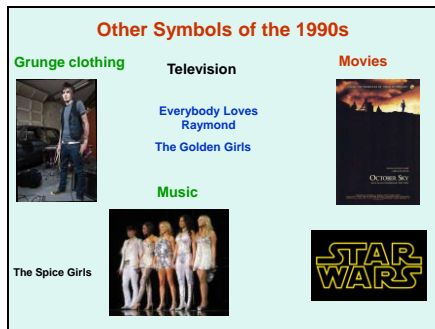
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The 21st Century

Impact of Technology

Digital Electronics
Wireless Communication

Multi-use Mobile Phones
GPS
High Definition TV
Blue Ray
3-D TV

Social Networking

Blogs
MySpace
Facebook
Twitter

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Other Symbols of the 21st Century

Music

Television
American Idol
Survivor
The Amazing Race
CSI
Dancing With The Stars

Movies
The Social Network
The Hunger Games
Twilight
Avatar
Toy Story 3

Dress

Justin Bieber

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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What new threat replaced the fear of communism?

What steps were taken to protect homeland security?

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The End of the Cold War

The threat of communism ended when people in a number of countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, and East Germany—overthrew their communistic governments.

The end of the Cold War led to the tearing down of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989



In 1991 the biggest threat to the United States during the Cold War—the Soviet Union—collapsed.

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Operation Desert Storm

The first United States military operation since Vietnam took place in the Middle East.

On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded and occupied Kuwait in an effort to seize oil and gain a port on the Persian Gulf.

The United States led a coalition, called Operation Desert Shield, to free Kuwait.



When Iraq refused to leave Kuwait, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm.

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The Role of Technology in Warfare

Much of the fighting was controlled by equipment that guided missiles and munitions.

Operation Desert Storm was almost entirely a war of air bombardment.



Iraqi missiles were intercepted and destroyed by American antimissile rockets.

In February 1991, an intensive ground offensive was launched that resulted in a cease fire four days after it began.

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West Virginians in the Gulf War

1,222 active National Guard members and 949 reserves served in the Persian Gulf. Five lost their lives.

Admiral Joseph T. Lopez served as an adviser to Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney.

Admiral Lopez was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the Bronze Star.

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Terrorism Strikes the United States

On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by unknown terrorists.

As stunned Americans watched the tragedy unfold on television, a third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Four airplanes were hijacked. Three of the four flew into buildings in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The World Trade Center in New York City was the target of two American Airlines planes. One of the planes crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center and minutes later a second plane flew into the South Tower.

On a fourth plane, passengers overtook the terrorists and caused the plane to land in a rural field in Pennsylvania. Their act of heroism possibly saved hundreds of lives.



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Operation Enduring Freedom

Immediately after the attacks, President George W. Bush asked Congress to give him war powers.

An extremist group of Islamist terrorists, called al-Qaeda, was found to be responsible for the attacks. Al-Qaeda, based in Afghanistan, was protected by a group called the Taliban.

The United States gave al-Qaeda an ultimatum to close terrorist training camps, hand over al-Qaeda leaders, return all foreign nationals who had been unjustly detained in Afghanistan.



Taliban in Herat, July 2001

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The Taliban refused the ultimatum, resulting in a United States-led coalition attack on al-Qaeda's leader Osama bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan. This military operation, called Enduring Freedom, began in October and, by the end of March, had successively removed the Taliban from power in Afghanistan.



US Troops in Afghanistan



Osama bin Laden was killed in Pakistan on May 2, 2011.

West Virginians in Operation Enduring Freedom

West Virginia ranked third in the nation in terms of per capita active-duty deployment following September 11.

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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

How have West Virginia's industries changed?

What is the future of the Mountain State?

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Economic Ups and Downs Bring Change to West Virginia

Between the 1980s and the new millennium West Virginia, as well as the nation as a whole, experienced economic ups and downs—from economic prosperity in the early 1980s to recession by the end of the decade to a return to economic prosperity by the mid-1990s.

During this time business leaders realized they must change their thinking about industrial development in West Virginia. They must find "new industries" to supplement those traditional ones that were dependent on the state's natural resources.

Two "new" industries—tourism and technology—grew while manufacturing industries declined.

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Tourism Industry

Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in West Virginia.

West Virginia has something for everyone!

For those who love the outdoors, the state has more than 1,000,000 acres of recreational areas, including two national parks, 37 state parks, 9 state forests, 47 wildlife management areas, and two national forests.




There are also biking and hiking trails, excellent whitewater rafting, and snow-drenched mountains for skiers.

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For those who love history, there are

Historic buildings. 

Drop, Mountain – Cowpens battle ground. 

Reenactments. 

Battlefields. 

Museums. 

Fairs and festivals. 


[The Oil and Gas Museum in Parkersburg](#)

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For those who like scenic beauty, there are
 Byways and backways that offer

Beautiful scenery. **Historical settings**



Harpers Ferry

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Seasonal Attractions become Year-Round Destinations

As West Virginia became more popular with tourists, some attractions that operated seasonally saw how they could profit economically by offering attractions year round.

An example is Snowshoe.

Once Snowshoe only opened for winter skiing and snowboarding. After the snow was gone, the resort closed, causing workers to be unemployed and the resort to be idle.



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In the 1990s, the resort began offering year-round activities that include

a series of mountain-bike trails.
 a premier golf course.
 an Outdoor Adventures Park with a facility for skateboarding.
 an Outdoor Adventures Program, which includes fly-fishing.
 a riding stable.
 outdoor concerts.
 a Chili cookoff.



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The Role of Tourism in the Economy

Every dollar spent by tourists has a ripple effect that stimulates many sectors of the economy.

Tourism has both a direct and an indirect effect.

Regional Dollars Generated by Tourism



Region	Dollars in Millions
Hatfield-McCoy Mountains	\$145
Northern Panhandle	\$884
Mid-Ohio Valley	\$165
Metro Valley	\$661
Mountain Lakes	\$162
Potomac Highlands	\$247
New River/Greenbrier Valley	\$595
Eastern Panhandle	\$838
Mountaineer Country	\$314

Dollars in Millions

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The Technology Industry

The technology industry began in West Virginia in the 1980s. Since that time, the use of technology has expanded and, consequently, so have the industries that support it.

The High-Tech Corridor is home to some 300 technology-based companies.



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Technology Industries in West Virginia

Technology industries in the Mountain State include

- the Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Company in Bridgeport.
- NASA Verification and Validation Center in Fairmont.
- FBI Fingerprinting Center in Clarksburg.
- Biometrics Fusion Center in Harrison County.
- Azimuth located in Morgantown.




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Looking Toward the Future

In 2009, when Joe Manchin III was governor, he listed three major areas of concern for West Virginia. These included

- growing the economy.
- investing in the energy of the future.
- providing a 21st century school system.



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Where Do We Go From Here?

What do you think are the greatest challenges facing West Virginia today?

How did we get to where we are today?

What can you do to move the state forward?
