

Critical Thinking Skills

Capitalism vs. Communism

Skills For Critical Thinking		Reading Comprehension								
		The Rise of Capitalism	The Industrial Revolution	Capitalism since the Cold War	Freedom of the Market & Individuals	A Capitalistic Political Economy	A Communist Political Economy	A Globalization Economy	Communism in the 21st Century	Writing Tasks
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List Details/Facts Recall Information Match Vocabulary to Definitions Recognize Validity(T/F) 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize Describe Interpret Compare/Contrast 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Outside Research Tools Application to Own Life Organize Facts Apply Vocabulary Words in Sentences 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Cause and Effect Make Inferences Draw Conclusions 	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prediction Imagine Self Interacting with Subject Create a Plan 	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and Defend an Opinion Evaluate Explain 			✓	✓		✓			✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



A Globalization Economy

The world is constantly changing as technology becomes more advanced. Computers have made the world a much different place than it was twenty years ago. One of the most recent changes that has had an impact on the world is Globalization.

Technology has allowed business to change dramatically. Businesses can now sell their products and services to a much wider market. Instead of being limited to a smaller local market, businesses can now sell their goods and services to the entire world. This means that they can reach more people, sell more products, and make more money.

Globalization allows businesses to form world-wide partnerships. This helps smaller businesses become exposed to the world-wide marketplace through their partners. In the past, small businesses throughout the world would never have had the opportunity to partner with a larger company from a different country.

Large businesses also benefit from Globalization. These companies can now find the cheapest prices for raw materials, technology, and workers. As a result, it often becomes less expensive to produce the same product. This partnership saves the larger company a great deal of money.





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1. **Circle** the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or **Circle** the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

a) Computers have not changed the way the world does business.

TRUE **FALSE**

b) The United States' share of the world market has increased.

TRUE **FALSE**

c) It is now easier to get goods from around the world.

TRUE **FALSE**

d) Only small businesses benefit from Globalization.

TRUE **FALSE**

e) Both large and small businesses can benefit from Globalization.

TRUE **FALSE**

SAMPLE

2. How have small businesses benefited from world-wide partnerships? Your answer should be two to three sentences.



Communism in the 21st Century



1. Write each word from the list next to the correct meaning. Use a dictionary to help you.

collapse	distant	gradual	strict
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- a) Slowly, over time
- b) Far away
- c) Fall apart
- d) Controlled

2. Below is a map of Asia. On the map, identify the Communist countries in Asia. You can use the resources in your classroom to help you.

- a) Color China blue
- b) Color North Korea red.
- c) Color Laos green.
- d) Color Vietnam orange.



3. How far away is Cuba from the United States? Use the resources in your classroom to help you.
