

9.6 Challenges of the 21st Century

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• 21st-century challenges 二十一世纪的挑战

Objective

Build the skills to explain **21st-century challenges** 二十一世纪的挑战.

You must be able to:

- state what followed the 2001 attacks
- state the tension the war on terrorism raised
- state what conflicts and climate concerns led to debates over
- state the CED’s conclusion about U.S. power

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ **After 2001**

In the wake of attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001, the United States launched military efforts against terrorism and lengthy, controversial conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. “Lengthy” and “controversial” are the CED’s own words.

■ **The tension**

The war on terrorism sought to improve security within the United States but also raised questions about the protection of civil liberties and human rights. Security against liberty — the same tension 7.6 and 7.12 recorded in earlier wars.

■ **Energy and climate**

Conflicts in the Middle East and concerns about climate change led to debates over U.S. dependence on fossil fuels and the impact of economic consumption on the environment.

■ **The conclusion**

Despite economic and foreign policy challenges, the United States continued as the world’s leading superpower in the 21st century. The CED ends the course with a plain statement of position.

2 Practice

2.1 State what followed the 2001 attacks. [2]

2.2 State the tension the war on terrorism raised. [2]

2.3 The same tension appeared in earlier wars.

(a) Name two earlier examples from period 7. [2]

(b) State the CED’s conclusion about U.S. power. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED describes the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq as [1]

- **A** lengthy and controversial
- **B** brief and popular
- **C** avoided
- **D** entirely successful

3.2 Debates over fossil fuel dependence arose from Middle East conflicts and [1]

- **A** concerns about climate change
 - **B** union decline
 - **C** immigration
 - **D** tax cuts
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3.3 A security policy raises questions about civil liberties.

(a) State the recurring tension. [1]

(b) Explain why it recurs in every war. [2]

Solutions

2.1 military efforts against terrorism and lengthy, controversial conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

2.2 it sought to improve security within the United States but raised questions about the protection of civil liberties and human rights.

2.3 (a) any two of: World War I restrictions on freedom of speech; the Red Scare; the internment of Japanese Americans. (b) the United States continued as the world's leading superpower in the 21st century.

3.1 A. lengthy and controversial.

3.2 A. climate change.

3.3 (a) between security and civil liberties. (b) wartime security measures work by restricting what people may do or say, and the restriction falls on citizens as well as on any threat.