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Section 4

GUIDED READING *Collapse of the Soviet Union*

A. Drawing Conclusions As you read about the breakup of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia, take notes to answer the questions.

Gorbachev failed to hold the Soviet Union together.	
1. What political and economic conditions damaged Gorbachev's popularity?	
2. What role did the August Coup have in the final breakup of the Soviet Union?	

Boris Yeltsin faced many challenges as president of Russia.	
3. Why was Yeltsin's plan to reform the Russian economy known as "shock therapy"?	
4. How did the war in Chechnya affect Yeltsin's policies?	

The nations of Eastern Europe made many gains but faced ongoing challenges.	
5. Why did the Poles choose a former Communist over Lech Walesa in the 1995 election?	
6. What were the reasons for the breakup of Czechoslovakia?	

B. Perceiving Cause and Effect On the back of this paper, explain the causes and effects of the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1991. In your writing, identify the policy of **ethnic cleansing**.