

1. In "Guns, Germs and Steel", Jared Diamond argues geographic luck played a key role in determining why Europeans have "so much cargo" compared to New Guineans. What geographic advantages were available to Europeans?

2. In Niall Ferguson's "Six Killer Apps" TED talk he refers to East and West Germany and North and South Korea as "experiments". What does he believe these experiments demonstrate?

3. The graphic below shows per-barrel oil prices for the past 20 years. Add labels to the graphic to identify key global events/trends and their relationship to oil price movements.



4. Describe the relationship between Iran and Saudi Arabia and how it impacts the Middle East region.

5. How did the Sovereign Debt Crisis create internal conflict among European Union (EU) members?

6. What key factors contribute to the strength of Germany's economy?

7. How did Vladimir Putin rise to power after the collapse of the Soviet Union?

8. After Russia invaded Ukraine, the US, UK, EU and others imposed economic sanctions intended to weaken Russia and Vladimir Putin. Have the sanctions been effective? Why or why not?