**US HISTORY II Unit VI PARCC FRQ**

**Collapse of the Soviet Union**

President Ronald Reagan, “Tear Down This Wall: Remarks at the Brandenburg Gate”, June 12, 1987

“We hear much from Moscow about a new policy of reform and openness. Some political prisoners have been released. Certain foreign news broadcasts are no longer being jammed [blocked]. Some economic enterprises [businesses] have been permitted [allowed] to operate with greater freedom from state control.

Are these the beginnings of profound [major] changes in the Soviet state? Or are they token gestures, intended to raise false hopes in the West, or to strengthen the Soviet system without changing it? We welcome change and openness; for we believe that freedom and security go together, that the advance of human liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace. There is one sign the Soviets can make that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace.

General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek [are looking for] peace, if you seek prosperity [wealth] for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization [freedom]: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbechev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbechev, tear down this wall!”

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Multiple Choice

1. What future historical event is the focus behind the speech made by Ronald Reagan?
2. The destruction of the Berlin Wall
3. The destruction of Iron Curtain
4. The destruction of the Great Wall of China
5. The destruction of the Bay of Pigs
6. What does President Reagan mean when he says that “certain foreign news broadcasts are no longer being jammed”?
7. The Communist government was continuing to censor the press.
8. The American government was continuing to unjustly stop news broadcasts.
9. The American government stopped interfering with European news broadcasts.
10. The Communist government stopped censoring the press.
11. Which of the following quotes best sums up the main ideas of the source?
12. “Mr. Gorbechev, tear down this wall!”
13. “We welcome change and openness; …that the advance of human liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace.”
14. “Some economic enterprises [businesses] have been permitted [allowed] to operate with greater freedom from state control.”
15. “Are these the beginnings of profound [major] changes in the Soviet state?”

Free Response Question

How did the collapse of the Soviet Union impact American foreign policy decisions?

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