**The End of the Cold War**

**Directions**: Read the selections of speeches by Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev and the summary of the *Governor’s Island Summit* between Gorbachev, Reagan, and President-Elect George H.W. Bush. Using these readings respond to the questions below.

Part I – General Secretary Gorbachev: A New Beginning or Return to Socialist Values (2 – 3 sentences per question)

1. What does *perestroika* mean in your own words?
2. What does *glasnost* mean in your own words?
3. In what ways are these terms consistent with socialism?
4. In what ways were these ideas a new start for Soviet domestic policy?
5. What did Gorbachev plan to do in terms of foreign policy?
6. In what ways were his plans different from those of his predecessors?

Part II – What should the United States Now Do? (1 Paragraph per question)

1. In 1988 and 1989, how should the United States have changed its policies to meet the needs of the current situation?
2. What issues were of greatest concern to America and the Soviet Union? Could the two nations come to any agreement regarding these issues?
3. What opportunities existed to end the spiraling arms race? Were these opportunities likely to lead to peaceful co-existence?