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**THE GREAT EXPERIMENT**
by Strobe Talbot

Price: $19.99

Book Hardcover
496 pages
Item Number: 827669

Publisher: Simon and Schuster, Inc.
Publication Date: January, 2008

**READ & ANSWER**

This book explores many of the reasons for the wars and treaties of the past 1200 years. It illuminates the thoughts of many of our greatest thinkers and sheds some light on the minds of some of our great conquerors and villains.
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MORE DETAILED READING

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THE GREAT EXPERIMENT, Feb 13, 2008
Reviewer: ROBERT KOPER

Examining both the triumphs and failures of state-created peace, from the Pax Romana and the Treaty of Westphalia to the U.N., Talbott offers a nuanced look at the breakthroughs and breakdowns of politics.

MORE DETAILED READING

TEXTO 4: Extended review

Read, answer & explain

THE GREAT EXPERIMENT, Feb 18, 2008
Reviewer: ROBERT KOPER

What we thought we knew and why

Strobe Talbott was THERE! He KNEW the players and was either a first-hand OBSERVER of or ACTIVELY INVOLVED in events around the world for more than 30 years. I have learned more about what I THOUGHT I knew from reading his book than from everything I have seen, heard, or read since leaving graduate school over 20 years ago. His writing is incisive, informed, critical, and thought-provoking. I recommend reading this work to anyone with more than a passing interest in where America and the rest of the world are in 2008; what we, or others, did or failed to do that brought us here; and what are our best hopes for finding our way in the hi-speed, no return, warming world of the 21st century.

TEXTO 5: Cover, book details & blurb

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GEOGRAPHY. REALMS, REGIONS, AND CONCEPTS
By Peter O. Muller, H. J. De Blij, H. J. De Blij
ISBN: 9780471407751
Price $52.00
Publisher: John Wiley & Sons Inc
Format: Hardcover First published in 1971 (tenth edition)

READ & ANSWER
This introduction to world regional geography uses fundamental concepts to organize the world around developed and less developed regions, while also providing basic systematic geography. Includes major geographically significant world events through the Spring of 1996.

MORE DETAILED READING

TEXTO 6: Review

Read, answer and explain

REVIEW

Geography: Realms, Regions and Concepts 2000 This Ninth Edition of Geography: Realms, Regions and Concepts reports the state of the world as well as the state of the discipline of geography at the end of the twentieth century. To understand our fast-changing world you need a geographic perspective, and this book contains some 230 maps depicting topics ranging from environmental conditions to intensifying globalization. But geography is changing too, and our coverage ranges from classic spatial models to modern viewpoints—all placed in their regional settings. To mark the turn of the century, we have included a foldout map of the world as it was 100 years ago. It can be laid out to compare to any map in the text, and to reveal how greatly the regional geography of our world has changed in just one century. And global transformation continues. While it is not yet possible to define the outlines of the "New World Order" that has been the topic of so much discussion during the 1990s, we can discern some of its geographic components, including the growing role of countries facing the Pacific Ocean. Will a Pacific Century follow the Atlantic Century just concluded? Here you will find insights to help you organize your thoughts.

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Rethinking Information Work: A Career Guide for Librarians and Other Information Professionals (Paperback)
by G. Kim Dority (Author)
List Price: $38.00

READ & ANSWER

This career guidebook is a valuable resource for students and information professionals of all types. Ms. Dority is an author who actually practices what she writes about. She has a successful career as an information professional and has not only experienced but participated in the creation process of a variety of exciting and interesting job descriptions. Practicing librarians as well as information professionals who seek an alternative career path will find information in her book that is both motivating and inspiring.

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Shontz, Priscilla K. and Richard A. Murray, editors.
A Day in the Life: Career Options in Library and Information Science.
Libraries Unlimited, 2007
List Price: $45.00

READ & ANSWER

Many people, not just those new to the field of Library and Information Science, are curious about their career options. The editors of LIS career have assembled 95 authors, each of whom describes a "typical" workday or work routine, sharing joys, sorrows, and annoyances in refreshingly candid fashion. In addition to public, academic, school, and special libraries, consortia, associations, LIS programs, vendors, publishing, consulting, and other non-library fields are also covered. This is a perfect guide for library and information science students, prospective information professionals, new librarians-or anyone considering a career change.
Half of Humanity Will Live in Cities by Year's End
Brian Handwerk
for National Geographic Magazine
March 13, 2008

Humans are about to become a majority urban species for the first time. Does this trend mean poverty or prosperity for the world's urban dwellers?

A UN forecast released last week reports that half of all humans will live in urban areas by the end of the year—and 70 percent by 2050—even though cities occupy only about 3 percent of Earth's land surface.

Urban growth is driven by the developing world, where African and Asian cities grow by a million people a week, according to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) report.

Cities are growing, in part, because their large, young populations are in their reproductive prime. But observers note that much urban growth also stems from steady migrations of rural dwellers looking for economic opportunity.

Surging cities in economically challenged nations can present a host of problems.

About a billion people currently live in sprawling city slums with inadequate access to clean water, proper sanitation, or legitimate housing, the report states. That number could double in three decades.

Economic Engines

But some experts, including the report's lead author, say urbanization provides valuable economic opportunities.

The historically wealthy nations in Europe and North America, for example, are more than 70 percent urbanized.

"Contrary to what most policy makers have been saying, urban growth can be extremely positive for economic growth, social development, demographic stabilization, and even for environmental issues," said George Martine, a demographer who wrote the UNFPA's recent State of World Population 2007 report.
"But in order for that to happen, we'll need to take a completely different approach from the one that people are taking now." "So to try to prevent urban growth is like shooting yourself in the foot from an economic standpoint," he said.

**TEXTO 10: Software products advertising & description**

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[PREVIEW]

**Book Librarian Plus**

*This application is designed for book cataloging and library management*

**Developer:** TurboSystemsCo LLC

**License:** Trial, 35 $ to buy

**Size / OS:** 6.71 MB, Windows All

**Last Updated:** March 15th, 2008, 15:04 GMT

Book Librarian Plus is a fast easy to learn and use database manager that will help you organize and keep track of your books. With Book Librarian Plus you can quickly search your library and print reports to the screen or printer.
Book Librarian Plus will also allow you to keep track of the books that are checked out, who has them and when they're due back. Book Librarian Plus can easily print an overdue print list.

**TEXTO 11: SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION**

*Read, answer and explain*

**Multiple search methods**
- "Quick locate" allows you find anything by typing the first few letters of the title, author, subject and other
- "Query Wizard" Query Wizard allows you to create and save your own queries in plain English.

**Professional, flexible reporting**
- Many pre-formatted professional reports for a variety of situations with selectable record inclusion.
- Create your own report using the simple "report wizard". Pick your fields, pick your order, and you're done!
- Backup/Restore Utility
- Import/Export - import data from dBase or ASCII format. Export data to dBase III, dBase IV, ASCII delimited, Flat ASCII, Excel and HTML web page format.

**Security**
- Comes with a very flexible security system. You can have no security at all, require a login password to access, or restrict access to certain features.

**Requirements:**
- 166 MHz processor
- 32 MB System RAM
- 12 MB Free Hard Disk Space

**Limitations:**
- 30 days trial.

**TEXTO 12: CONSOLIDATION**

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A Dictionary Of Geography
By Susan Mayhew
(ISBN: 9780192800343)
Price $13.46
Publisher: Oxford Univ Press
Format: Paperback
Pages: 560
This unique new dictionary offers comprehensive coverage of words and terms encountered in both human and physical geography in a single volume.

DETAILED READING

Read, answer & explain

REVIEW

Susan Mayhew's A Dictionary of Geography is a must-have for every student of geography. Each of the over 6,000 updated, clear, and concise entries provides an initial brief definition followed by a more in-depth explanation, making the book useful for novices and experts alike. This new edition also features a fact-finder with key economic and population statistics. Authoritative and completely accessible, A Dictionary of Geography, Second Edition covers a vast scope of subjects, including cartography, surveying, meteorology, climatology, biogeography, ecology, geology, geomorphology, population, migration, agriculture, industry, transportation, and development. There is also extensive discussion of the most recent advances in and information on topics such as plate tectonics, remote sensing, geographic information systems, and aerial differentiation. Wide-ranging and highly readable, this invaluable reference guide answers questions about all aspects of geography quickly and effectively using the most recent advances in the field.

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NEMESIS
by Chalmers Johnson

Price: $16.99

Book Hardcover
320 pages
Item Number: 794649

Publisher: Metropolitan Books
Publication Date: February, 2007

Author Chalmers Johnson (Blowback) shows how America’s imperial overstretching is undermining the republic itself, both economically and politically.

**DETAILED READING**

Read, answer & explain

**REVIEW**

The Roman Republic fell when its Empire demanded a professional army, a vast bureaucracy, and a decision maker at the top (a “decider”). When the British Empire was faced with a choice between imperialism and democracy, they chose democracy. Now, in Nemesis, author Chalmers Johnson (Blowback) shows how America’s imperial overstretching is undermining the republic itself, both economically and politically.

From the pipe-dream plans to militarize outer space to Constitution-breaking presidential activities at home and the devastating corruption of a toothless Congress—Nemesis offers a striking description of the trap into which the dreams of America’s leaders have taken us. Drawing comparisons to empires past, Johnson explores, in vivid detail, just what the unintended consequences of our dependence on a permanent war economy are likely to be. What does it mean when a nation’s main intelligence organization becomes the president’s secret army? Or when the globe’s sole “hyperpower,” is no longer capable of paying for the vaulting ambitions of its leaders, and becomes the greatest hyper-debtor of all times?. 320 pages • 6 1/4” x 9 1/4”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Chalmers Johnson is the author of the award-winning Blowback and The Sorrows of Empire. He is president of the Japan Policy Research Institute.

**TEXTO 14: CONSOLIDATION**

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**FIDEL CASTRO: MY LIFE**  
by Fidel Castro & Ignacio Ramonet

*Price: $27.99*  
Book Hardcover  
736 pages  
Item Number: 227556

Publisher: Scribner/Simon & Schuster  
Publication Date: February, 2008

An extended interview with the Spanish editor of *Le Monde Diplomatique* that is intended to be Fidel Castro’s last word.

### DETAILED READING

*Read, answer and explain*

#### REVIEW

Fidel Castro is the last world historic figure left from the pivotal decade of the ‘60s. Looking now at the aged octogenarian, whom one Russian general called “the last Leninist,” it is hard to recall that Castro made his mark as the youthful leader of an epic rebellion. He defeated a corrupt dictator backed by the United States and then went on to pioneer his own heterodox revolutionary road as a leftist *enfant terrible* who thumbed his nose at both Washington and Moscow and nearly got away with it.

Then, as now, Fidel was a controversial figure—a charismatic hero to his followers, a Communist dictator to his foes. Then, as now, he used his mastery of the spoken word to craft his image and to shape his place in history. In his nearly 50 years in power, the Cuban leader has given many interviews, but never before has he consciously set out to make an interview his oral autobiography.

This book—an extended interview with Ignacio Ramonet, the Spanish editor of *Le Monde Diplomatique* (with the questions included)—is intended to be Castro’s last word. He devoted his waking hours during his recent serious illness to editing it and claims that is what kept him alive. It is a comprehensive oral autobiography, spanning his long private and public life, from his childhood in rural Cuba and rebellion against Batista through his five decades as a Cuban leader, to such recent events as Jimmy Carter’s 2002 visit and the U.S. use of Guantanamo for Islamic prisoners.

There are few smoking guns in this book, but there is much filling in of the historical record that will interest readers of varying politics who are concerned about Cuba and its revolution. For the general reader, Castro’s reflections on the Cuban Missile Crisis will be of particular interest, especially as he documents his anger at being left out of the crucial negotiations by making public his private correspondence with Khruschev. Cuba’s interventions in Africa, and relations over the years with Europe, the United States, and Russia, are other themes of general interest that this book explores.

In the final chapters, Castro reflects on Cuba today, the results of his revolution, which he both praises and criticizes, and on what will happen after he finally passes from the scene. “This revolution can destroy itself,” he confesses. “If we are not capable of correcting our errors”—among which he lists corruption and new inequalities. In the end, however, Castro believes that a socialist Cuba will survive both his death and the failures of socialism elsewhere. And that is his last word.
**TEXTO 15: When there is little paratextual information**

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**CAREER TIPS**

*Gaining Essential Real-World Experience for a Future Career in Geography*

For every college student, an internship is a very valuable method by which to obtain on-the-job experience that will not only benefit your resume and provide contacts to employers, but will also help you to determine what to do after graduating. I recommend trying to obtain more than one internship during your academic career - the more the better.

Now, we all know that the job listings for "geographer" in the classifieds are few. That is why our parents and relatives feel in the need to ask, "What are you going to do with a degree in geography, teach?" (However, it is true that the U.S. Census Bureau and a few other government agencies do have positions classified as "geographer!") Nevertheless, the job prospects for geographers are becoming brighter with each autumnal equinox.

Jobs in GIS and planning are becoming more common and geographers can easily fill these positions with experience gained in the classroom and in an internship. These two areas offer ample opportunities for internships, especially with local government agencies. While some internships are paid, the vast majority are not. A good internship will allow you to be part of the day-to-day activities of your agency - you should be part of not just the work, but also the departmental planning, discussion, and implementation.

Read again and look for more details