Chapter 32 - To the 21st Century

- This Will Not Stand: Foreign Policy and Post-Cold War
- collapse of the USSR leaves Iraq (Hussein) with confidence
- Bush believed Hussein invaded Kuwait for oil
- Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, Margaret Thatcher agree
- Bush wants to free Kuwait and resist Hussein

I. 1st Bush
   1. Republicans at Home
      a. democrats hoped to win House & presidency in 1988
      b. G HW Bush defeats inept candidacy of Dukakis
      c. Bush not always innovative and exciting
         i. biggest domestic achievement: Americans With Disabilities Act
            1. prohibited hiring discrimination of disabled
            2. called for reasonable accommodations of public
         ii. other pressing issues: savings, loan industry
            1. deregulation of savings and loans to fraud and restructuring
            2. fixing crisis = $600 million
            3. deficit = bigger problem
               a. $150 billion a year
               b. Bush told voters “read my lips; no new taxes”
               c. back cut deal with congress to cut spending
               d. increased top tax rate 28-31%
      d. surely voters with forgive Bush if new foreign policy is successful

2. Ending Cold War
   a. Chinese students demonstrate communist repressions
      i. China killed 100s of protesters
      ii. Martial law
      iii. Bush denounced China but kept lines of communications open
   b. Lech Walesa = Polish democrat
   c. repressive government in East Germany, Czech, Bulgaria, Romania fell
   d. Berlin Wall falls December 1989
   e. credit to Gorbachev? Data?
   f. Sinatra Doctrine
   g. coup attempted in 1991 against Gorbachev
      i. Boris Yeltsin to the rescue
      ii. Gorbachev released, resigns after USSR is gone
      iii. commonwealth of independent states (CIS)
      iv. Yeltsin leads Russia, largest member of CIS
      v. disbands communist party, Western reforms
   h. Bush facilitates reunification of Germany
      i. offers economic assistance to CIS
   i. signed START I to reduce nuclear warheads <10,000