Discussion Sheet #2: The 20th Century and IR

What? Please complete a summary for Chapters 3 and 4 in Lawson, International Relations
How? Use the form and space below
When? Due at the beginning of class, Tuesday, October 28 (10 points)

Chapters 3&4: “The Short 20th Century” and “After the Cold War”

1. Briefly summarize the meaning of the liberal approach to international relations that developed in the aftermath of the Great War (use rational, global governance, and self-determination in your summary).

2. Briefly describe the character of the international “order” (the structure of world politics) circa: 1945-1989.

3. The recent--- post-Cold War--- period (1989-2003) has seen a number of new developments in thinking about IR. Briefly summarize the End of History (Fukuyama), the Democratic Peace, New World Order, and Clash of Civilizations viewpoints about current world politics. Which one of these angles is most interesting to you? Why?
4. Briefly describe the deadly politics of identity. Why have identity politics been such a common source of conflict in the 20th century?

5. Much of Chapter 4 focuses on normative theory---views of how IR should be ordered. In the post-Cold War period, most normative discussion comes out of either cosmopolitanism or communitarianism. Briefly summarize the meaning of each in the context of current IR. Can you apply these concepts to the debate over US post-war nation-building in Iraq?