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The documents contained within these sections provide an overview of the historical context and significance of the Soviet Union, exploring the origins, evolution, and collapse of one of the twentieth century's most influential empires.

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- **Web Resources**, an annotated list of websites that offer valuable supplemental resources.
- **Bibliography** lists of helpful articles and books for further study.

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