

**Enduring question:**

***Will the international system undergo fundamental change in the future?***

1. Why is it important to focus on enduring questions when studying international relations and making predictions about the future?
2. Will the Westphalian system endure in its current form?
3. Do you think the idea that economic security will largely replace military security is a compelling one?
4. Will the world be unipolar, bipolar, or multipolar in twenty years?
5. What role will non-state actors play in determining the world order of the near future?
6. Consider the challenges China faces on its path to becoming a superpower. Are they surmountable? Did the US pass similar hurdles?
7. Is the idea that the world will eventually be a community of democratic states living in peace plausible?
8. Is a clash of civilizations is likely? If so, what form do you think it will take?
9. Which of the six models outlined in this chapter do you find most compelling? Why?
10. What form do you think the international order will take in the future? Explain the key components of your vision in detail. Why will it take this form? What are the primary drives leading to this new order?