

Article Questions – “Are America’s Best Days Behind Us?” by Fareed Zakaria

Please answer the following questions in preparation for a class discussion. Please note that there are two sides to this handout.

1. According to Mr. Zakaria, what evidence exists that the United States may be losing its position as the dominant world power?
2. In what ways have other countries begun to catch up to the United States?
3. What are Mr. Zakaria's specific criticisms of both the Democratic and Republican Parties?
4. What does Mr. Zakaria see as the similarities between England and the United States?

5. What are Mr. Zakaria's criticisms of the American political system?
6. What is your general reaction to this article? Do you find the tone to be pessimistic or optimistic? Why? Do you generally agree or disagree with Mr. Zakaria's vision for the future of the U.S.?
7. Please write three issues/questions that you would like to discuss on Thursday
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 - 2.
 - 3.

