

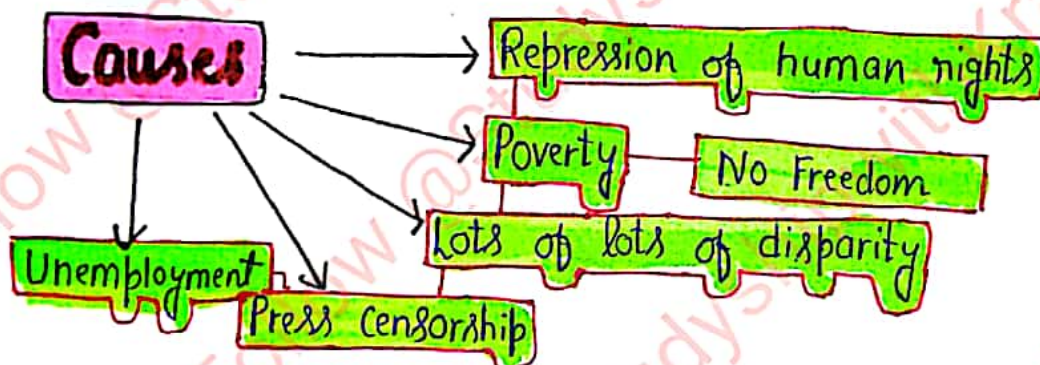
2. The End Of Bipolarity

• Sub Topic: 'Arab Spring'

★ It refers to the Democratic Uprisings that arose independently and spread across the Arab world started in 2009.

★ **Origin :-** Tunisia in December, 2010

And quickly took hold in Egypt, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.



• **When did the Revolution Start ?**

★ Revolution started in Tunisia and began with a single man in the markets of Tunisia spread to thousands of demanding political change for entire region.

★ The self-immolation of Mohammed Bouazizi (a common man), this created a sweeping wave that respected none of the artificially drawn borders in the muslim world.

★ The rule of Hosni Mubarak (Egypt) was brought to an end after days of mass protests

★ Tunisia is the only country where the revolutionaries outwitted the counter-revolutionaries. This country transitioned to a multi-party democracy.

Middle East Crisis - Afghanistan

- ★ On 11 September 2001, attacks in America killed nearly 3,000 people.
- ★ Osama bin Laden, the head of Islamist terror group al-Qaeda, was identified as the man responsible.
- ★ The Taliban, radical Islamists who ran Afghanistan and protected Bin Laden, refused to hand over him.
- ★ A month after 9/11, the US launched air strikes against Afghanistan, and this is known "Operation Enduring Freedom" against Al-Qaeda and Taliban regime.
- ★ Some prisoners were brought to Guantanamo Bay, a US Naval base in Cuba, where international law doesn't apply.

Gulf War

- ★ The Gulf war lasted between August 1990 and Feb, 1991, was an international conflict that erupted after Iraq, under dictator Saddam Hussain (one of most cruel ruler in world history) He invaded Kuwait.
- ★ The UN mandated the liberation of Kuwait by force. The US President George H.W. Bush hailed the emergence of a "New World Order".
- ★ Coalition force of 6,60,000 troops from 34 countries fought against Iraq and defeated it.

- ★ The first gulf war is also known as "Operation Desert Storm (given by UN)
- ★ An American general, Norman Schwarzkopf led by UN coalition, nearly 75% forces were from the US.
- ★ Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein defeated and forced to withdraw from Kuwait.
- ★ The war revealed the vast technological gap between the US military capability and that of other states.
- ★ Use of smart bombs by the US led some observers to call this a "computer war".

Commonwealth of Independent States

- ★ Dissolution of USSR, led to establishment of CIS.
- ★ The founding states of the CIS include Belarus, Russia and Ukraine.
- ★ The Commonwealth of Independent States is a regional intergovernmental organization of the former Soviet Republics which is mainly focuses on political, Economic and Environmental issues.
- ★ Currently there are 12 member nations are part of it.