How to Restore the American Dream by Fareed Zakaria

1. What is the rhetorical shift Zakaria uses between paragraphs three and four? How does it prepare the reader for what he says about “the experts” in paragraph 6?
2. What are the consequences of technology that Zakaria discusses at the beginning of the second section, “Going Global”? Research the Luddites, who rebelled against mechanization in the textile industry in 19th C. England. To what extent are we now faced with a problem similar to the one they faced?
3. Zakaria makes the claim that “none of them (corporations) will ever give up on the American market”? Use the Toulmin model to do your analysis. See the article on mrbeland.weebly.com See Weebly…

The Toulmin method is an informal method of reasoning. Created by the British philosopher Stephen Toulmin it involves the grounds (data), claim, and warrant (action) of an argument. These three parts of the argument are all necessary to support a good argument. The grounds are the evidence used to prove something.

1. What is the crucial distinction that Zakaria makes in paragraph 15? Compare and contrast that distinction Mathew B. Crawford makes in “The Case for Working with Your Hands.”
2. How does Zakaria describe the relationship between consumerism and credit? What does he suggest the consequences will be?
3. As he concludes the second section of the essay, how does Zakaria appeal to logos and pathos? Which is the stronger appeal? Why?
4. How does Zakaria compare the advantages and disadvantages of economic approaches in the United States as opposed to Europe and Asia (paras 21-30)? What is the approach Americans have resisted? Why has this been the case?
5. What is the nature of the complaint Zakaria makes in paragraph 31? Does his strong characterization help or hinder his case? Explain.
6. Zakaria begins many of his paragraphs with short, simple sentences, and then he develops them with varied syntax. Identify three paragraphs in which this is the case. How does such a style contribute to his essay as whole?
7. Zakaria ends on an optimistic note. Do you share his opinion? Why or why not?