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- Microsoft PowerPoint Presentations. Prepared by Ingrid McLeod-Dick, from York University. These slides contain useful outlines, summaries, and exhibits from the text.
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