

US History
The Cold War - A
Exam Review

1. Why did the United States and the Soviet Union have a strong but uneasy alliance during WWII?
2. Identify the Big Three that attended the Yalta conferences and the countries they represented.
3. What agreements did the leaders at Yalta come to when dealing with Germany, reparations, and Eastern Europe?
4. What agreements did the leaders at Potsdam come to when dealing with Germany, reparations, and Eastern Europe?
5. How did the intended purpose of Yalta & Potsdam differ from the actual results?
6. Who made the Iron Curtain Speech? What was his warning to the United States in this speech?
7. Define the containment theory and identify who developed this theory.
8. If the containment theory was applied, what was predicted would happen to the Soviet Union?
9. What official US foreign policy embodied the containment theory?
10. When was this foreign policy first applied by the United States and why?
11. Identify the foreign policy plan implemented by the United States to keep Europe free from communism.
12. To what countries was this plan offered to?

13. Which countries chose to participate and which did not?
14. What American economic incentives did the US place on this plan?
15. Which country cut access to West Berlin from West Germany?
16. Identify Truman's three options and the one he chose to use.
17. At what parallel was the nation of Korea divided at?
18. What type of government did North and South Korea have?
19. Which side started the war in Korea?
20. What president ordered US forces into Korea? What general took them there?
21. What international organization did the US operate through during the Korean War?
22. What South Korean city did US forces originally land in and set up a defensive perimeter?
23. What daring gamble did MacArthur take to change the momentum of the war?
24. How did Truman redefine America's objectives in Korea?
25. What warning did the Chinese offer to the US?
26. What happened to US forces after China entered the war?

27. How did MacArthur and Truman's views differ on what to do next?
28. Why did Truman eventually have to fire General MacArthur?
29. How did the firing of MacArthur impact Truman and his popularity?
30. Who won the presidential election of 1952 by promising to go to Korea to evaluate the situation?
31. What threat did the US issue towards China to help win the war? Whose death helped to bring the war to an end?
32. Identify the two military alliances that developed during the Cold War.
33. How did brinkmanship lead to increased fear in the United States?
34. What does the FCDA stand for and what was its role during the cold war?
35. What was Sputnik?
36. How did the United States respond to the launch of Sputnik?
37. What event at the end of Eisenhower's presidency increased tension between the US and USSR?
38. Explain how the attitude towards communism in America changed during the 1930s.
39. Who did the Loyalty Review Board investigate?
40. What group did the HUAC famously investigate for communist sympathizers?

41. Identify two famous spy cases during the Red Scare.

42. Which man most symbolizes the Red Scare in the United States? What was his profession and what tactics did he often use?

43. What forum did the above man use to hunt down communists?

44. What led to the eventual downfall of the above man?