

US History

The Cold War - A

Questions to Consider

Origins of the Cold War

1. Explain the relationship between the Soviet Union and the U.S. during WWII and how it changed after the war.
2. What event do many historians cite as the beginning of the Cold War? Why?

The Iron Curtain Speech

1. In your own words, explain Churchill's advice to the United States for dealing with the Soviets.

Containment Theory/Truman Doctrine

1. What does Stalin believe will eventually happen between communism and capitalism?
2. What is our solution to the spread of communism?
3. Define the above and give the first example of this policy.

The Marshall Plan

1. Who was to receive aid in the Marshall Plan? Who accepted it?
2. How can giving financial aid to a nation help stop the spread of communism?

The Berlin Airlift

1. Explain how the Berlin Airlift is an application of containment.
2. Why did the Berlin Airlift improve the U.S.'s reputation around the world and hurt the Soviet's reputation?

The Korean War

1. Why was the landing at Inchon considered such a great risk?
2. How did the UN invasion of North Korea symbolize a major shift in UN war policy?
3. Why did Truman fire MacArthur?
4. How did the Korean War end?

The Nuclear Age

1. Identify the two alliances that formed during the nuclear age.
2. What was the main purpose of the FCDA?
3. What unexpected race developed at the same time as the arms race?

The Red Scare

1. Why were there so many Americans with communism in their past that became potential targets of the Red Scare?
2. Explain how McCarthy was able to use the Red Scare to benefit himself.