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# The Early Cold War

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#### From the College Board Content Outline for Period 8

**Key Concept 8.1:** The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and working to maintain a position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international consequences.

**Key Concept 8.2:** New movements for civil rights and liberal efforts to expand the role of government generated a range of political and cultural responses.

Key Concept 8.3: Postwar economic and demographic changes had far-reaching consequences for American society, politics, and culture.

#### Section 1 Period 8 Overview, page 556

Read the overview and alternate view of Period 8, and answer the following questions.

- 1. What were the three forces that impacted American lives post WWII?
  - a.
  - b.
  - C.
- 2. How did liberalism as inspired by Franklin Roosevelt continue into the 1950s-1970s?

3. In what way did the U.S. and U.S.S.R. confront each other in this era?

4. List the forces that gave way to a conservative resurgence in the late 60s and 70s?

a.

b.

c.

# Section 2 Guided Reading pp 557-572

5. Truman and the Cold War, 1945-1952, pp 557-558

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Postwar economic, demographic, and technological changes had a far-reaching impact on American society, politics, and the environment.	Truman and the Cold War, 1945-1952 Postwar America	Explain how living through the Great Depression and the rationing of WWII war effort impacted the state of the economy when soldiers returned home in 1945.
Rapid economic and social changes in American society fostered a sense of optimism in the postwar years, as well as underlying concerns about how these changes were affecting American values.	<mark>GI Bill</mark> —Help for Veterans	How did the government encourage continued, positive economic growth in the years following WWII?
A burgeoning private sector, continued federal spending, the baby boom, and technological developments helped spur economic growth,	Baby Boom	Explain how the baby boom illustrates a break from Depression Era American life.
middle-class suburbanization, social mobility, a rapid expansion of higher education, and the rise of the "Sun Belt" as a political and economic force.	Suburban Growth	How did the role of women change from the Rosie the Riveter of WWII to the baby boom of the postwar years?
	Rise of the <mark>Sunbelt</mark>	Identify one negative consequence o f suburbanization.
	Postwar Politics…	What was the most significant reason for abandoning the Rust Belt for the Sun Belt?

6. Economic Program and Civil Rights, pp 559-561

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Liberalism, based on	Economic Program and Civil Rights	What did Truman have in common with Obama?
anticommunism abroad and a firm	Employment Act of 1946…	
belief in the <mark>efficacy of</mark>		
<mark>governmental and</mark> especially federal		
power to achieve social goals at home,		
reached its apex in the mid-1960s and	Inflation and Strikes	
generated a variety of		Why did Republicans in Congress attempt to lower taxes?
political and cultural responses.		
Seeking to fulfill		
Reconstruction-era promises, civil rights		
activists and political leaders achieved some	Civil Rights	
legal and political		
<mark>successes in ending</mark> segregation, although		How were the Republicans successful in stemming the tide of FDR liberalism?
progress toward equality was slow and		
halting.		
	Republican Control of the Eightieth Congress…	
	Twenty-second Amendment (1951)…	To what extent was President Harry Truman's policies a continuation of President Franklin
		Roosevelt's policies? Defend your answer with evidence.
		evidence.
	Taft-Hartley Act (1947)…	
	The Election of 1948 (see next page)	
	The Fair Deal	
		FDR desegregated the war industries. What did Truman desegregate?

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d. Why did so many people think Dewey won this election?

e. What were "Give em Hell Harry!" speeches? What was purpose?



#### Read the excerpt from Truman's inaugural address and then answer the question that follows regarding the Point Four program described.

" It may be our lot to experience... a major turning point in the long history of the human race. The first half of this century has been marked by unprecedented and brutal attacks on the rights of man, and by the two most frightful wars in history. The supreme need of our time is for men to learn to live together in peace and harmony... we must embark on a bold new program for making the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of underdeveloped areas. More than half the people of the world are living in conditions approaching misery. Their food is inadequate. They are victims of disease. Their economic life is primitive and stagnant. Their poverty is a handicap and a threat both to them and to more prosperous areas. For the first time in history, humanity possesses the knowledge and skill to relieve suffering of these people. The United States is pre-eminent among nations in the development of industrial and scientific techniques. The material resources which we can afford to use for assistance of other peoples are limited. But our imponderable resources in technical knowledge are constantly growing and are inexhaustible..."

How did Point Four redefine the purpose of the United States and it's government?

To what extent is this policy a continuation of the Puritan ideal of "City on a Hill" (or of American Exceptionalism)?

# 7. Origins of the Cold War, pp 561-563

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and attempting to defend a position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international	Origins of the Cold War U.SSoviet Relations to 1945	Some historians postulate that FDR is largely responsible for the Cold War, because he mishandled and misunderstood Stalin at Yalta. Support or refute this assessment.
consequences.	Allies in WWII	Do you support the viewpoint that Truman appeased Stalin at Potsdam? Why or why not?
	Postwar Cooperation and the U.N	To what extent did the United Nations relieve the growing tensions between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.?
After World War II, the United States sought to stem the growth of Communist military power and ideological influence, create a stable global economy, and build an international security system.	Satellite States in Eastern Europe…	Explain how the Soviet declination of the World Bank illustrated a fundamental conflict at the heart of the Cold War.
	Occupation Zones in Germany	Explain how these words, "Iron Curtain," indicate Allied (British-American) appeasement of Stalin.
	Iron Curtain	

### 8. Containment in Europe, pp 563-566

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and attempting to	Containment in Europe	Support or refute the view that the Truman Doctrine polarized the world into pro- American and pro-Soviet divisions and thus exacerbating the hostile situation.
defend a position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international consequences. After World War II, the United States sought to stem the growth of Communist	The Truman Doctrine	How did Truman use the foreign policy of Containment in response to the Soviet "betrayal" of Yalta (concerning the reconstruction plan for Germany)?
military power and ideological influence, create a stable global economy, and build an international security system. The United States developed a foreign policy based on collective security and a multilateral economic	The Marshall Plan	How was Containment policy in dealing with the U.S.S.R. following WWII different from the British and French foreign policy of appeasement with Hitler prior to WWII?
framework that bolstered non- Communist nations. The United States sought to "contain" Soviet- dominated communism through a variety of measures.	Effects	Walter Lippmann criticized containment, saying it over-simplified the "Cold War," <i>a term he coined</i> . Is it fair to compare the Truman Doctrine to "bribing" unrestricted free agents on the open market? (Not wanting them to go to a rival team so you pay the players enough to stay)
	The Berlin Airlift	How was the Marshall Plan different from
		the Treaty of Versailles?

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After World War II, the United States sought to stem the growth of Communist military power and ideological	NATO and National Security	What would President George Washington have said about NATO?
influence, create a stable global economy, and build an international security system.	National Security Act (1947)…	What does the National Security Act foreshadow about the Cold War?
The United States developed a foreign policy based on collective security and a multilateral economic framework that	Explain the role of each department. Dept. Defense: Sec. Defense: National Security Council: CIA:	
bolstered non- Communist nations. The United States	List the measures of NSC-68:	
sought to "contain" Soviet- dominated communism through a variety of measures.	Atomic Weapons	Although the arms race created a frightful threat of world annihilation, the technology along with leadership of NATO essentially reduced the threat of war and maintained a balance of power with the Soviets for decades. Defend or refute this statement.
	The arms race began when the Soviets worked to catch up (and steal) atomic technology to/from the U.S. It took t hem only 4 years to successfully explode their first atomic bomb thanks to Americans who were willing to sell the secrets to the Russians. Next came the hydrogen bomb, a thousand times more powerful. Truman didn't heed warnings by some scientists, such as Einstein, who worried these bombs risked "annihilation of any life on earth has been brought within the range of technical possibilities." In a quest for nuclear superiority, he furthered the competitive arms race with the Soviets by completing the H-Bomb in 1952," triggering" the Soviets' completion of the bomb in 1953.	
	Evaluating U.S. Policy	

# 9. Cold War in Asia, pp 566-569

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
As the United States focused on containing communism, it faced increasingly	Cold War in Asia	How did the era of imperialism impact post Cold War relations?
complex foreign policy issues, including decolonization, shifting international alignments and	Japan	
regional conflicts, and global economic and environmental changes.	U.S. – Japanese Security Treaties	What would President Theodore Roosevelt have said about the U.S Japanese Security Treaties?
The United States sought to "contain" Soviet- dominated	The Philippines and the Pacific	
communism through a variety of measures.	China	The Philippines were finally independent following WWII. How long had it been that they were not controlled –at some level— by a foreign power?
	U.S. Policy	To what extent was the Open Door Policy responsible for China's 'descent' into communism?
	Two Chinas	We formally recognized China in 1979, and they are now one of the most important parts of our economy. Today, the United States is still fearful of Chinese / communist expansion as they have increased control over regions including Tibet and threatened take over of areas like Taiwan. The Chinese are currently building up their military at a time when the U.S. is scaling back. Do you think we should still fear China?

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As the United States focused on containing communism, it faced increasingly complex foreign policy issues, including decolonization, shifting international alignments and regional conflicts, and global economic and environmental	The Korean War Invasion	Compare the response of the United Nations to the invasion of South Korea to the League of Nations' response to the Japanese invasion of Manchuria 20 years earlier. Was this later reaction a "lesson learned" or a "tragic error?" Explain your reasoning.
changes. The United States sought to "contain" Soviet- dominated communism through a variety of measures, including military engagements in Korea.	Truman Versus MacArthur	Who had the better approach Truman's "limited war" or MacArthur's "no substitute for victory?" Explain your reasoning.
Postwar decolonization and the emergence of powerful nationalist movements in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East led both sides in the Cold War to seek allies among new nations, many of which remained nonaligned.	Armistice The 1953 an armistice set up the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). To this day, the two nations are essentially still at war and the DMZ is heavily guarded. Political Consequences	North Korea announced that it will no longer abide by the armistice at least 6 times 1994, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2013. They have also stated they are free to attack the South, develop nuclear weapons, and develop their own independent peace treaty with the South (ignoring U.N. resolutions and protocol). The U.S. military is active in South Korea to defend them if needed. Why are we still dedicated to defending South Korea if the Cold War ended in 1989?

### 10. The Second Red Scare, pp 569-572

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Cold War policies led to continued public debates	The Second Red Scare	What did the First Red Scare have in common with the Second Red Scare?
over the power of the federal government, acceptable means	Security and Civil Rights	Starting around 1947, employers
for pursuing international and domestic goals, and the proper balance between liberty and order.	Prosecutions Under the Smith Act	increasingly demanded that their employees take loyalty oaths to the United States; teachers especially were subject to this. Is the current Texas state law that mandates we stand up and say the pledge of allegiance each day the same thing as a loyalty oath? Explain
Americans debated policies and methods designed to root	McCarran Internal Security Act (1950) (Congress overrode Truman's veto)	your reasoning.
out Communists within the United States even as both parties	three provisions of the McCarran Act. a)	
tended to support the broader Cold War strategy of containing	b) c)	Why did Truman veto McCarran?
communism.	Un-American Activities	
	Cultural Impact	Although some doubted Hiss's guilt at the time, it was later proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was guilty. Was Nixon (as a member of HUAC committee) a hero for exposing an American traitor or was he an illustration of American paranoia? Explain your reasoning.
	Espionage Cases	
	Hiss Case…	
	Rosenberg Case	If the Rosenberg's were guilty (and they were), why did their execution cause a civil rights debate?

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Cold War policies led to continued public debates over the power of the federal government, acceptable means	The Rise of Joseph McCarthy McCarthy's Tactics	What finally ended the Second Red Scare?
for pursuing international and domestic goals, and the proper balance between liberty and order.		How were McCarthy's tactics similar to the Salem Witch Trials?
Americans debated policies and methods designed to root out Communists within the United States even as both parties tended to support	Army-McCarthy Hearings	Consider all of the events and policies under Truman. Why did the Republicans blame Truman for the "mess in Washington," and what exactly did they mean by "mess?"
the broader Cold War strategy of containing communism.	Truman in Retirement	

#### 11. Section 3: Historical Perspectives: WHO STARTED THE COLD WAR? PAGE 572

Explain each argument/viewpoint as if you were defending each one individually.

The Soviet Union was to blame	The United States was to blame	Both were to blame

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