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The Cold War - Part One

1. During the Cold War, what two political and economic ideologies would be put into conflict?

"From World War to Cold War"

- 2. What kinds of problems had to be resolved after the end of World War II?
- 3. Describe the differences of opinion between the Allies at Potsdam.
- 4. What problems faced Russia during World War I, and to what did those problems lead?
- 5. Describe the philosophy of Karl Marx.
- 6. Describe the actions of Lenin and the Bolsheviks once they gained power.
- 7. Why did Russia not trust the leaders of the United States and other Western nations?
- 8. What reason did Stalin give for not removing his troops from Eastern Europe?
- 9. Why might Truman have felt confident at the negotiations at Potsdam?
- 10. What "balance" did Stalin seek to restore after Potsdam?

"Containment"

11. Describe what Winston Churchill meant when he warned against the Iron Curtain.

- 12. How did Stalin reconstruct the governments of Eastern Europe?
- 13. Why did George Kennan believe Stalin was so antagonistic to the west?
- 14. Describe the strategy of Containment.
- 15. Why did President Truman want to give money to Greece and Turkey?
- 16. Describe the Truman Doctrine.
- 17. Why did George Marshall propose sending money Europe? How much was spent?
- 18. What events caused Congress to support the Marshall Plan?
- 19. Describe the successes of the Marshall Plan.
- 20. How did the division of Germany effect Berlin?
- 21. Why did Stalin blockade the city of Berlin?
- 22. How did the United States respond to the blockade of Berlin?
- 23. What was the result of the breaking of the Berlin blockade?
- 24. Why was NATO formed? How did the Soviet Union respond?
- 25. Who was Mao Zedong, and what did he do once he took power?