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COLD WAR GALLERY WALK



CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

- 1) Looking at your map of Europe, draw a line with a **GREEN** highlighter that separates the Soviet-bloc nations from the Western European nations that were members of NATO.
- 2) What phrase does Churchill use to describe Soviet power in Eastern Europe? Why might this scare an American audience in 1946?
- 3) Why would an American care about Soviet power in Europe? Explain.

STALIN'S RESPONSE TO CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

- 1) What historical figure does Stalin compare Churchill to? Why do you think Stalin uses this comparison? Explain.

- 2) In the fourth through sixth paragraphs of the document, Stalin states how many Russian died during WWII. Why were these losses important, according to Stalin?

- 3) How does Stalin defend the Soviet Union's post-WWII actions in Europe? Were Stalin's goals military goals, national security goals, or economic goals? Explain.

TRUMAN DOCTRINE

- 1) Find Greece and Turkey on your map and color them in with a PINK highlighter.

- 2) Given the world political situation in 1947, who do you think are the "armed minorities" and "outside pressures" who are trying to take over Greece and Turkey?

- 3) According to this excerpt, what kind of aid does Truman plan to give Greece and Turkey?

- 4) Looking at the final two paragraphs, what does Truman say will happen in Europe and the Middle East if the United States does not help Greece and Turkey?

- 5) Truman's foreign policy has often been described as the "domino theory." Here's the concept: if dominoes are stacked one slightly behind the other, a slight push on one will knock down all of the pieces in a row. Why do you think it has been described in this way? Explain.

- 6) Were Truman's plans in Greece and Turkey military goals, national security goals, political goals, or economic goals? Explain.

MARSHALL PLAN

- 1) What kind of aid did Europe need from the United States?

- 2) Why would the United States want to help Europe? Explain.

- 3) What does Marshall mean when he says, “Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos? Explain.

- 4) Was Marshall’s plan a military goal, a national security goal, a political goal, or an economic goal? Explain.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PAPER

- 1) How did the United States plan to stop Soviet expansion? Does the document argue that the United States should to go war with the USSR? Explain.

- 2) According to this document, what were the key parts of “containment”? What does the phrase “by all means short of war” mean? Explain.

- 3) According to the document, how is the Soviet Union trying to increase its influence over the free world? Is the Soviet Union using armed confrontation or another method? How does this threaten American institutions, and how might this threat differ from other wars, like WWI or WWII? Explain.

- 4) Using NSC-68, can you argue that Americans were worried that communists would “subvert” (definition: to ruin or corrupt from within) American culture? Why? Explain.

- 5) If Stalin issued a response to the NSC-68, what do you think he would have said?

PERSPECTIVES ON THE COLD WAR

Now that you have read the documents, please describe the objectives of the United States and the Soviet Union as each nation’s leaders (or allies) explained them. Are there any similarities?

United States	Soviet Union
Economic Goals 1) 2)	Economic Goals 1) 2)
Political Goals 1) 2)	Political Goals 1) 2)
Military/National Security Goals 1) 2)	Military/National Security Goals 1) 2)

WRITING ASSIGNMENT (Do not complete until instructed to do so!)

The year is 1950, and North Korea, a communist country, has invaded South Korea. President Harry Truman has to decide whether to commit ground troops to help the South Koreans fight the invasion, which would mean that the “cold war” would become a “hot war.” You are a policy analyst for the newly-formed National Security Council. Using the documents examined during the gallery walk, write a formal recommendation to the president in which you argue for or against (you choose) committing ground troops. You will need to address why the policy of “containment” applies or does not apply to the situation in Korea.