

Cold War Era Essential Questions

1. How did the GI Bill benefit soldiers and the economy at the same time?(853)
2. What was white flight and why did it happen? (859)
3. Why did the “baby boom” occur in the 1950s? (859)
4. Define the Cold War in your own words and tell why it started(U.S. and the Soviet Union 865)
5. What was the United Nations founded for? (865-866)
6. What was the Berlin Airlift? Why was it needed? (868)
7. What was the message of the Truman Doctrine? (869)
8. What was the Marshall Plan and why was it perceived as a success? (870-871)
9. What was the purpose of the newly formed National Security Council and Central Intelligence Agency?(871)
10. What was NATO? Why does this go against the isolationism foreign policy?(872)
11. What did the invention of the h-bomb lead the U.S. and U.S.S.R. to do?(874)
12. What did Julius and Ethel Rosenberg get executed for? Why would this help fuel communist hysteria?(875)
13. What was so stunning about the 1948 presidential election?(877)

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14. Why did the U.S. send troops to Korea? Who was in charge of U.S. and U.N. troops in Korea?(878-879)
15. What led to a stalemate in the Korean War?(879)
16. Why was MacArthur removed from his position?(879)
17. How does the Television change America in the 1950s?(886)
18. What helped Eisenhower win the presidency in 1952? (887)
19. What would a proponent of the Korean War argue that the war was worth it? What would an opponent argue that it was not worth it?(888)
20. Why was Senator Joseph McCarthy so controversial?(890)
21. What impact did the Interstate Highway Act of 1956 have on America?(896)
22. What was Sputnik I and II? What did this lead the U.S. to establish?(900)
23. What effect did the U-2 spy plane shot down in Russia have on the U.S. and U.S.S.R. relationship? (902)
24. Why did the U.S. set up an embargo against Cuba in 1961?(902)
25. How did the T.V. help Kennedy win the election of 1960?(903)

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26. Why was the Berlin Wall built? What did it symbolize for many Americans?(911-912)
27. How did the Bay of Pigs blunder impact the relationship with Cuba and the Soviets?(914)
28. What was the U.S. response to the Soviets putting nuclear missiles in Cuba? (915)
29. What was the agreement that ended the Cuban Missile Crisis?(915)
30. What happened on November 22, 1963?(918)
31. Who became president?(918)
32. What was the focus of LBJ's Great Society Program?(923)
33. What was the major hot button issue in the 1968 presidential election?(932)
34. Who wins the election?(932)
35. What happens in 1969 that shows America is holding its own in the space race?(911)