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**Chapter 36: The Cold War Begins 1945-1952**

**Postwar Economic Anxieties**

1. What was the significance of the Taft-Hartley Act?
2. What steps did the Democratic Administration of Truman take to forestall an economic downturn?
3. What was the impact of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill)?

The Long Economic Boom, 1950-1970

1. How did the doubling of the national income and growth of wealth impact American society?
2. How were women affected by the postwar prosperity?

The Roots of Postwar Prosperity

1. Analyze the forces that fed the economic prosperity of the 1950s?

The Smiling Sunbelt

1. Describe the most popular book on childrearing and its author.
2. Describe the demographic changes in the “Sunbelt” and what accounted for the regions prosperity.

The Rush to the Suburbs

1. What government policies encouraged the flight from to cities to the “suburbs”?
2. Describe the construction innovation of “Levittown.”
3. How was “white flight” replaced by the migration of southern blacks to the inner cities?
4. How did government responses to this demographic shift solidify “racial separation

The Postwar Baby Boom

1. What were the characteristics of the “Baby Boom” that peaked in 1957?
2. How did it affect the U.S. economy?

Truman: The “Gutty” Man from Missouri

1. Describe Truman’s personality in his role as President and some of his famous slogans.

Yalta Bargain or Betrayal

1. What were the some of the agreements made by the Big Three at the Yalta Conference of 1945?
2. What were FDR’s calculations about using the Soviets against Japan? Why was their muscle not necessary?
3. Are the criticisms made against FDR for selling out Poland and other Eastern European countries valid, why or why not?

The United States and the Soviet Union

1. What historical suspicions did both the U.S. and Soviet Union harbor that made good relations unlikely?
2. What two different visions of the postwar world emerged among the two superpowers?
3. What were their differences and what where their similarities?
4. Why was the “Grand Alliance” only begotten of necessity during the war and therefore short-lived?
5. What was the “Cold War”?

Shaping the Postwar World

1. How did the meeting at Bretton Woods, NH support Roosevelt’s vision of an open world by the creation of the IMF and World Bank?
2. Compare and contrast the differences between the League of Nations and the United Nations.
3. Why did Bernard Baruch’s call for authority over atomic energy fail?

The Problem of Germany

1. What were the results of the Nuremburg trials?
2. Describe how Germany was divided into 4 military occupation zones and then how this division changed.
3. What does the term “iron curtain” refer to?
4. How did the “Berlin airlift” intensify the Cold War divisions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union?

The Cold War Congeals

1. What was the “containment doctrine” crafted by George F. Kennan?
2. What was the “Truman Doctrine”?
3. How did protestant clergyman Reinhold Niebuhr support Truman’s Cold War policies?
4. How did the Marshall Plan invigorate the countries of Europe?
5. Evaluate Truman’s Marshall Plan. Why was it such an “economic miracle”?
6. How did Truman’s support for the creation of the state of Israel on May 14, 1948 complicate U.S. relations with the Arab world?

America Begins to Rearm

1. How was the Cold War the backdrop for the passage of the National Security Act and the creation of the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency? What did they do?
2. What were some of the reasons why the U.S. joined the NATO pact April 4, 1949?

Reconstruction and Revolution in Asia

1. How did General Douglas MacArthur successfully democratize Japan?
2. Describe why America was unsuccessful in China.
3. Why did the Soviet’s explosion of an atomic bomb propel Truman order the development of the “H-bomb”?
4. Why did this lead to “peace through mutual terror”?

Ferreting Out Alleged Communists

1. Describe Truman’s “loyalty” program.
2. What was the “HUAC” and what was its purpose?
3. Describe the allegations of HUAC member Richard Nixon against Alger Hiss.
4. Who was Joseph McCarthy?
5. Who were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and why were they convicted and executed?

Democratic Divisions in 1948

1. How did the Democratic Party split in the election of 1948?
2. What was remarkable about the results and the publicity of the election?
3. What groups of people assured Truman’s victory?
4. What were the successes of Truman’s “Fair Deal”?

The Korean Volcano Erupts (1950)

1. How did the Korean conflict lead to the vast expansion of the U.S. military under NSC-68?
2. What were Truman’s directives in regards to the Korean Conflict and who did he put in charge?

The Military Seesaw in Korea

1. Why was General MacArthur removed from his command?
2. Why did the American public side with MacArthur against Truman?

\*\*\*Cold War Reflection

In your mind, what could the U.S. have done better during this Cold War conflict?