# **Unit – The Cold War (1945-1991)**

**Required Reading:** *The Americans,* Chapter 26 pp. 806-836, Chapter 27 pp. 838-870

**Unit Description:** In this unit we examine how the U.S. and U.S.S.R emerged as the two strongest powers in international affairs. Ideologically opposed, they challenged one another in a series of confrontations known as the Cold War. The costs of this prolonged contest weakened the U.S.S.R. so that it collapsed due to international upheavals as well as American pressure. The Cold War had social and political implications in the U.S.

**Unit Objectives:** The student will be able to:

1. Explain how the Cold War influenced U.S. foreign and domestic policy after 1945.
2. Explain how atomic weapons changed the nature of war, altered the balance of power, and began the nuclear age.
3. Explain how the Marshall Plan attempted to address the issues of the Cold War.
4. Explain how the Truman Doctrine attempted to address the issues of the Cold War.
5. Explain how the U.S. responded to the Berlin blockade.
6. Explain why the U.S. became involved in Cuba.
7. Explain why the U.S. became involved in Korea.
8. Explain what caused the Red Scare after 1945.
9. Explain the role of Senator John McCarthy played in the new Red Scare.
10. Explain how the launch of Sputnik impacted the development of the space race.
11. Explain the similarities and differences between the foreign policies of Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy.
12. Explain how the collapse of communist governments in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R ended the Cold War.

**Unit Terms:** Define each of the following terms. You will be quizzed on your knowledge of them. They will also be useful for review.

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| Chapter Vocabulary |
| People:  Joseph Stalin Harry Truman Chiang Kai-shek Mao Zedong  Douglas MacArthur Dwight Eisenhower Gen. George Marshall Kim II Sung  John F. Kennedy  Joseph McCarthy Kikita Khrushchev Fidel Castro  Julius & Ethel Rosenberg  Terms:  Yalta Conference Postdam Conference United Nations  Nuremberg Trials Cold War Truman Doctrine  Marshall Plan Containment Berlin Airlift  NATO Warsaw Pact Communism v. Capitalism  Long March 38th Parallel House un-American Activities Committee  Blacklisting “Hollywood Ten” Internal Security Act  McCarthyism Department of Defense CIA  Sputnik NASA National Security Committee  Massive Retaliation Brinkmanship Covert Operations  Suez Crisis Eisenhower Doctrine U-2 Spy Incident  Flexible Response Peace Corps Bay of Pigs Incidents  Berlin Wall Cuban Missile Crisis Test Ban Treaty |
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