

The Cold War - Webquest

Directions: Complete the following questions using the link listed below.

<http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history>



1. During the Cold War, America officials began following a strategy called “containment.”
 - a. Briefly explain what is meant by “containment”.

 - b. What was the goal or purpose of the American strategy of “containment”?

 - c. According to the website, what did the containment strategy provide a rationale for?

2. In 1949, the Soviets tested an _____ of their own. In response, President Truman announced that the United States would build an even more destructive atomic weapon: the _____, or “superbomb.”
3. Explain how the “arms race” impacted American citizens and culture in the early decades of the Cold War.

4. On October 4, 1957, a Soviet R-7 intercontinental ballistic missile launched the satellite Sputnik (Russian for “traveler”) into orbit.
 - a. What was the significance of “Sputnik” in terms of the “space race”?

 - b. How did the United States feel about the launching of “Sputnik”?

5. What two things did the United States do in 1958 in relation to the “space race”?

6. According to the website, who was leading the “space race” in April of 1961? Why?

7. Who was the first American in space? When did he go into space?
8. Explain the event that effectively won the “space race” for the United States.
9. What was the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)?
10. Explain how the HUAC impacted Hollywood in the 1950’s.
11. Who was Senator Joseph McCarthy?
12. According to the website, why did the United States go to war in Korea in the 1950’s?
13. How and when did the Korean War end?

14. In the early 1960s, President Kennedy faced a number of troubling situations in his own hemisphere. The _____ invasion in 1961 and the _____ the following year seemed to prove that the real communist threat now lay in the unstable, postcolonial “Third World”.
15. In what way was the Vietnam War an example of containment?
16. Explain the two opposing sides in the Vietnam War.
17. Explain the “Cold War” policy of “détente”.
18. What was the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT I)? In what way was it an example of “détente”?
19. What is meant by the “Reagan Doctrine”?

20. What two policies did Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev introduce in the Soviet Union in the late 1980's? Why did he introduce these policies?

21. Why do you think the fall of the Berlin Wall was important to the end of the overall Cold War?