



TOPIC: THE NUCLEAR AGE AND COLD WAR (1945-1990)

QUESTIONS:

1. In order to understand the topic at hand, you will need to be able to answer the following questions. In a short essay of 350 words discuss the following questions:
 - a. Who were the Allies and why did tension between them increase after the end of World War II in Europe?
 - b. How did the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan lead to the Nuclear Age and help cause the Cold War?
 - c. What is the meaning of “superpower” and “Cold War”?
 - d. What circumstances led to the end of the Cold War?
2. Define the following terms:
 - a. Allies.
 - b. Atomic bomb.
 - c. Capitalism.
 - d. Communism.
 - e. Marshall Plan.
 - f. Truman Doctrine.
3. What were the views held by the USSR and America of each other before, during and after World War II?
4. Discuss what Europe was like in 1945?
5. Study source 1 in your textbook and answer the questions that follow:
 - a. What do you see in the cartoon? (Denotation)
 - b. How does the cartoon affect those looking at it? (Connotation)
 - c. How do we make sense of what we see? (Meaning)
 - d. Who created the cartoon? (Origin)
 - e. When was it published? (Date)
 - f. What is it about? (Details)
6. Study source 2 in your textbook and answer the questions that follow:
 - a. Identify the flags on the cars.
 - b. Describe the facial expressions of the drivers.
 - c. How does their getting together outside the building relate to what is happening in the meeting inside?
 - d. Where is the Soviet government car positioned?
 - i. What is its position supposed to symbolise? (Consider the source of the cartoon when you answer this question.)
 - ii. Do you think this cartoon accurately reflects the mood (or feelings) among the Allies at this time? Give a reason for your opinion.
 - e. Analyse the origins of this source.
 - i. When was it published?
 - ii. Explain the reason behind the origin of this source.
 - iii. What is the significance of this source?
7. The USSR and America had suffered tense relations after World War II.

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- a. Write a short essay of 350 words in which you discuss the poor relations between the USSR and America.
- 8. Draw a table in which you draw a contrast between the ideological views of the USSR and America.

Ideological differences between America and the USSR	
America-Capitalism	USSR-Communism

- 9. Analyse Winston Churchill's.
 - a. What is the iron curtain Churchill is referring to?
 - b. Why do you think Americans were suspicious of the Soviet Union?
 - c. How reliable is the source when it comes to understanding this period in history?
 - d. What type of government were the Russians preparing themselves for?
 - e. Write a paragraph to discuss the causes of the Cold War?