

## Cold War Exam Study Guide

### Objectives:

- Chapter Objective: Analyze the conflicts between competing economic systems and the restructuring of alliances from 1945 to the present.
- SECTION 1 Cold War: Superpowers Face Off: Analyze the global competition between the United States and the Soviet Union.
- SECTION 2 Communists Take Power in China: Explain how the Communists took control of China.
- SECTION 3 Wars in Korea and Vietnam: Describe the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
- SECTION 4 The Cold War Divides the World: Describe how the Cold War affected nations.
- SECTION 5 The Cold War Thaws: Trace the development of the Cold War.

### Vocabulary:

United Nations, p. 532 • iron curtain, p. 533 • containment, p. 533 • Truman Doctrine, p. 534 • Marshall Plan, p. 534 • Cold War, p. 535. • Mao Zedong, p. 538 • Jiang Jieshi, p. 538 • commune, p. 540 • Red Guards, p. 541 • Cultural Revolution, p. 541 • NATO, p. 535 • Warsaw Pact, p. 535 • brinkmanship, p. 536 • 38th parallel, p. 542 • Douglas MacArthur, p. 543 • Ho Chi Minh, p. 544 • domino theory, p. 544 • Ngo Dinh Diem, p. 544 • Vietcong, p. 546 • Vietnamization, p. 546 • Khmer Rouge, p. 547 • Third World, p. 548 • nonaligned nations, p. 548 • Fidel Castro, p. 550 • Anastasio Somoza, p. 551 • Daniel Ortega, p. 551 • Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, p. 552 • Nikita Khrushchev, p. 554 • Leonid Brezhnev, p. 555 • John F. Kennedy, p. 556 • Lyndon Johnson, p. 556 • détente, p. 556 • Richard M. Nixon, p. 556 • SALT, p. 557 • Ronald Reagan, p. 557

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### Short Answer Questions:

1. Why did some Americans oppose the Truman Doctrine?
2. How did the Soviet Union respond to the U.S. policy of brinkmanship?
3. Who did the superpowers support in the Chinese civil war?
4. What were the results of Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution?
5. What effects did the Korean War have on Korea's land and its people?
6. What difficulties did the U.S. Army face fighting the war in Vietnam?
7. Why did developing nations often align themselves with one or the other superpower?
8. How did the Soviet Union respond to the Bay of Pigs?
9. In what ways did Soviet actions hamper Eastern Europe's economic recovery after World War II?
10. What policies characterized realpolitik?
11. In what ways were the United States and the Soviet Union more similar than different?
12. Think about Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Iran as examples of places where conflicts occurred during the Cold War. What can you generalize about such conflicts? For example, what was the government of such a nation typically like? What were typically the goals of those who opposed that government? Why did the United States typically support one side over the other?
13. What problems resulted from the Soviet attitude, expressed by Leonid Brezhnev, that the Soviet Union had the right to prevent its satellites from rejecting communism and the American attitude, demonstrated in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Vietnam, that it had the right to prevent countries from becoming Communist?