

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of World War II on the home front by b) explaining the origins of the Cold War, and describing the Truman Doctrine and the policy of containment of communism, the American role of wars in Korea and Vietnam, and the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Europe.

# Cold WAR

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Set the framework for global politics for 45 years after WWII.

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Was a competition to determine how government, society, & economy were organized.

## Influenced American

- ◆ Domestic politics
- ◆ Conduct of foreign affairs
- ◆ Role of government in the economy

**United States**  
led western nations.

Believed in

- Democracy
- Individual freedom
- Market economy.

**Soviet Union**  
(east)

Believed in

- Totalitarian state
- Socialism.

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U.S.'s containment policy (anti-communist) in Asia led to America's involvement in the Korean & Vietnamese Wars.

Demonstrated the power of American public opinion in reversing foreign policy.

**The Vietnam War**

It tested the democratic system to its limits, left scars on American society that have not yet been erased.

Made many Americans deeply skeptical of future military or even peacekeeping interventions.