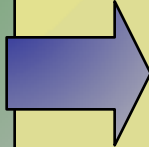


Following World War II, Americans prospered due to an expanding economy stimulated by America's involvement in the war.

**The United States and the Soviet Union emerged from World War II as world powers, triggering a rivalry over ideology and national security**



### **Origins of the Cold War**

*Differences in goals and ideologies between the United States and the Soviet Union (the two superpowers). The United States was democratic and capitalistic while the Soviet Union was dictatorial and communistic.*

*The Soviet Union's domination over eastern European countries*

*American policy of containment (to stop the spread of communism)*

*North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) versus Warsaw Pact*

*Cold War was a state of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union without actual fighting that divided the world into two camps.*

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the economic, social, and political transformation of the United States and the world between the end of World War II and the present by:

- c) identifying the role of America's military and veterans in defending freedom during the Cold War, including the wars in Korea and Vietnam, the Cuban missile crisis, the collapse of communism in Europe and the rise of new challenges.