



ISD Virtual Learning

American History

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Sociology

Lesson: April 11, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: Analyze the importance of Truman's containment policy in a post-WWII, Communist world.

Warm Up

Look at the vocab and definitions on the right. Can you match them to the correct term/definition?

Capitalism

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CORRECT ANSWERS
TO RIGHT --->

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Learn Activity

Draw the table to the right to take notes on the next few pages.

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Fill out the t-chart you drew based on information from the reading below.

American goals: American leaders wanted to keep the nation's economy strong, so they wanted to see nations with capitalist economies and representative governments established in Europe. Although this foreign policy met American economic needs, Americans saw these goals not as self-interest but as a crusade to bring freedom, democracy, and capitalism to the world. They therefore tried to “contain” the spread of communism all over the world.



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Soviet goals: The Soviet Union suffered huge losses—including 20 million deaths and heavy damage to industry and agriculture—during World War II. Joseph Stalin wanted to protect the USSR from further attack by establishing “satellite nations”—that is, nations that were sympathetic to communism—along its western borders. Stalin said that he was protecting Soviet interests in Europe, just as the United States was protecting its interests. Suspicious of the United States, Stalin did not let the USSR join agencies such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which helped the capitalist economies in Western Europe.



Answers

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaders wanted: to keep America's economy strong• Americans were on a Crusade (mission) to bring: freedom, democracy, and capitalism to the world• They wanted to contain: the spread of Communism all over the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph Stalin wanted: to protect the USSR from further attack• What are satellite nations? Nations that were sympathetic to communism (to create a buffer around the USSR)• Stalin said he was protecting: Soviet interests just like the US was protecting their own interests

Read the Speech from Winston Churchill and answer the questions to the right.

Winston Churchill

Speech by Winston Churchill
*Winston Churchill delivered this famous speech
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on March 5, 1946.*

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Source: Internet Modern History Sourcebook

GLOSSARY FOR EXCERPT:

descended—fallen over
or covered

sphere—an area of
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- **An “iron curtain”**
- **It shows a divide in the world that could threaten freedom**

Why would an American care about Soviet power in Europe?

- Europe is a big trading partner**
- It could continue to spread beyond Europe**

Practice

Read a speech from President Harry Truman in response to Soviet attempts to take land and Britain's statements. Write down the questions to the right before you read.

Harry S. Truman Speech Questions

1. According to this excerpt, what kind of aid does Truman plan to give to Greece and Turkey?
2. Looking at the final two paragraphs, what does Truman say will happen in Europe and the Middle East if the United States does not help Greece and Turkey?
3. Truman's foreign policy has often been described as the "domino theory." Here's the concept: if dominoes are stacked one slightly behind the other, a slight push on one will knock down all of the pieces in a row. Why do you think it has been described in this way?
4. Were Truman's plans in Greece and Turkey military goals, national security goals, political goals, or economic goals?

Practice

Before you read...
take a look at this
map. Pay special
attention to the
location of Greece
and Turkey, marked
by a yellow star, and
how close they are to
Russia (then Soviet
Union) marked by a
red star



Harry Truman

Truman Doctrine (March 12, 1947).
This excerpted speech, given by President Harry Truman before a joint session of Congress, outlined the president's plans for economic aid to Greece and Turkey.

I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted **subjugation** by **armed minorities** or by outside pressures...

I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes...

It is necessary only to glance at a map to realize that the **survival** and **integrity** of the Greek nation are of grave importance in a much wider situation. If Greece should fall under the control of an armed minority, the effect upon its neighbor, Turkey, would be immediate and serious. Confusion and disorder might well spread throughout the entire Middle East.

Moreover, the disappearance of Greece as an independent state would have a **profound** effect upon those countries in Europe whose peoples are struggling against great difficulties to maintain their freedoms and their independence while they repair the damages of war.

GLOSSARY FOR EXCERPT:

subjugation—control

armed minorities—

Truman means a small group that takes over through force

survival—ability to live

integrity—soundness or completeness

profound—important or deep

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Harry S. Truman Speech **ANSWERS**

1. According to this excerpt, what kind of aid does Truman plan to give to Greece and Turkey? **Economic and financial aid**
2. Looking at the final two paragraphs, what does Truman say will happen in Europe and the Middle East if the United States does not help Greece and Turkey? **Communism will spread throughout the Middle East**
3. Truman's foreign policy has often been described as the "domino theory." Here's the concept: if dominoes are stacked one slightly behind the other, a slight push on one will knock down all of the pieces in a row. Why do you think it has been described in this way? **As one country falls to Communism other countries will as well**
4. Were Truman's plans in Greece and Turkey military goals, national security goals, political goals, or economic goals? **Answers will vary-I think they were all four. Truman believed that if Communism were to spread it would threaten all areas of American life.**