

## Ch. 35 Reading Guide: The Cold War Begins (pg. 820-846)

### Learning Targets

**Target #1:** I can identify and describe changes in post-World War II America including: global leadership struggles and foreign policy tensions, liberal movements to expand the role of the federal government, progress toward civil rights, and economic and demographic changes.

**Target #2:** I can analyze the effects of the following post-World War II changes on American society, politics, and the economy: global leadership struggles and foreign policy tensions, liberal movements to expand the role of the federal government, progress toward civil rights, and economic and demographic changes.

### Big Ideas:

- Despite being WW2 allies, the relationship between the U.S. and Soviet Union quickly deteriorated due to U.S. foreign policy to put limitations on Soviet influence around the globe. These tensions marked the beginnings of nearly half a century of political turmoil known as the Cold War.
- Although the Cold War was primarily a political and economic competition, tensions erupted in the form of military conflict through third-party countries (Proxy wars).
- The United States experienced a lengthy economic boom that led to significant migration changes to America's 'Sunbelt.'
- America's postwar prosperity, although uneven, promoted a life that revolved around Suburbia and mass consumerism.

**Prediction Statement (50 words or less):** What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

### Key Questions:

**Yalta: Bargain or Betrayal + The U.S. & the Soviet Union (pg. 820-823)**

Know: Yalta Conference, "The Big Three", Cold War

**1. Why was there little hope of cordial understanding and peace between the USSR & U.S. after 1945?**

**Shaping the Postwar World (pg. 823-824)**

**2. What evidence points towards a more "open" and globalized Postwar world? (briefly explain 2-3 examples)**

**Cold War Deepens (pg. 826-828)**

Know: Containment, Marshall Plan, Berlin Airlift

**3. Briefly analyze the cause and effect of Truman's Doctrine (foreign policy stance) in the late 1940s.**

**4. How did Truman enhance tensions (and even anti-American sentiments) in the Middle East during his time in office?**

<p><b><u>America Begins to Rearm (pg. 828-829)</u></b>          Know: NATO, Washington's Farewell Address  <b>5. In what ways was joining NATO a perplexing decision for the United States?</b>  <i>(Consider George Washington's Farewell Address)</i></p>	
<p><b><u>The Korean Volcano Erupts + The Military Seesaw in Korea (pg. 831-835)</u></b>          Know: Korean War, NSC-68, 38th parallel  <b>6. How did the conflict in Korea change the nature of the Cold War for the U.S.?</b></p> <p><b>7. Briefly explain how the Korean War came to an end.</b></p>	
<p><b><u>The Cold War Home Front (pg. 835-837)</u></b>          Know: Red Scare, Sen. Joe McCarthy  <b>8. Briefly analyze how the Red Scare of the 1950s impacted the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Civil Liberties</li> <li>B. Labor Unions</li> <li>C. Religion</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>The Long Economic Boom + The Roots of Postwar Prosperity (pg. 840-842)</u></b>  <b>9. What evidence indicated the U.S. economy was not spiraling towards an echo of the 1930s depression, but soaring above wartime numbers?</b></p> <p><b>10. What factors contributed to America's postwar boom?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>The Smiling Sunbelt (pg. 842-843)</u></b>          Know: Sunbelt  <b>11. What trends began to arise as America's demographics shifted to the 'Sunbelt' states?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Economic</li> <li>B. Political</li> </ul>	

**The Rush to the Suburbs + The Postwar Baby Boom (pg. 843-846)**

Know: G.I. Bill, Federal Aid Highway Act (1956), "White Flight"

12. What SOCIAL trends began to arise following WW2?

### Summary Exit Ticket:

### Periodization-Early Cold War Era: Political Cartoon (3 parts)



#1. Briefly explain the cartoonist's primary message in the cartoon above.

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#2. Briefly explain, using a specific historical example, a U.S. reaction (foreign policy) to the actions depicted in the cartoon above from the period of 1945-1956.

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**#3. Briefly explain, using a specific historical example, how Cold War tensions impacted domestic America from 1945-1956.**

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