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9.01 Cold War Questions

**Directions: Use the materials from the lesson to help you answer the questions below.**

**The Cold War Erupts**

1. Summarize in general terms what the Cold War was all about. When was it, which key players were involved, what beliefs or ideologies were at stake, etc.?

2. There are both long and short term causes of the Cold War. Complete the various causes of the Cold War in the appropriate boxes below.

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| **Long-term Causes** | **Short-term Causes** |
| * Western (U.S.) opposition to communist governments
 | * Hostility between the U.S. and the Soviet Union during
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| * Americans feared a       takeover at home (Red Scare)
 | * Soviets angered over delay to open a       in the war that would have relieved the Soviets.
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| * Business leaders feared the consequences of a politically driven

     .  | * Stalin failed to act quickly on promises to help the U.S.      …contributed to mistrust between the nations
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|  | * Soviet creation of puppet states in Eastern Europe/refusal to withdraw Soviet troops
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| * Differences in ideology-      v. communism
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3. Why did Stalin feel compelled to create puppet states in Eastern Europe?

4. Explain what Winston Churchill’s phrase “an iron curtain had descended across the continent” means in relation to the Cold War.

**Containment and the Marshall Plan**

5. Describe the containment policy.

6. What were the ideals of the Truman Doctrine?

7. Why were many countries of Europe in danger of succumbing to communism following World War II?

8. Explain the goals and principles of the Marshall Plan.

9. What effect did the Marshall Plan have on society?

**Berlin Airlift**

*The image below highlights the division of Germany following World War II. France, Great Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union were granted zones of influence in Germany as well as over the capital city of Berlin. Notice that Berlin is divided into fourths as well. Keep this map in mind as you progress through the lesson. (image: http://apwh.pbworks.com/w/page/7624691/Partition%20of%20Germany)*



Berlin

10. Compare and contrast the status of East Germany and West Germany after World War II.

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| **East Germany** | **West Germany** |
| * Communist
* Controlled by Soviet Union
* Economy struggled as Soviets took much of German infrastructure to rebuild the Soviet Union
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11. What was Stalin’s goal with the Berlin Blockade?

12. How did the U.S. respond?

13. Discuss the effects the blockade had on society.

14. Explain how and why NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) was formed.

15. How did membership for the US signal a shift in American foreign policy?