

United States History:
Week 23: Post-War Foreign Policy/Cold War

On the other side of this page are the publisher's recommended readings for this week. These readings should be covered before the next class meeting. Please remember that these recommended pages represent the bare minimum of effort. You should read all of Chapter 18. These recommendations are based on the California State History-Social Science Content Standards. The complete listing of State Standards can be found on the California Department of Education's web site at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/>.

You should use encyclopedias or other reference materials, reputable web sites, appropriate periodicals and your local libraries. Relevant magazine articles can easily be found in the library or local bookstores in such publications as *American Heritage* and *American History*. Parents will help the student find supplementary materials, and will assign brief assignments that will help the student review and retain important information. These assignments could include end of chapter exercises, oral reviews, information restated in the form of graphic organizers, paragraph summaries or any variety of methods that will aid in student learning.

This period of history is covered thoroughly and regularly on the History Channel. You may want to check the listings from your local cable or satellite service provider. Programming information is also available on their web site: www.historychannel.com. The instructor has added a few general links to this course's web pages. Click on the "Helpful Links" button on the Valley Oaks world history web page: <http://www.valleyoakscharterschool.org/Worldhistory/>.

Numerous books and on-line sources such as www.unitedstreaming.com and www.classzone.com. have been described in past assignments. You can find other useful web sites that are linked to this history department's web pages at: <http://www.valleyoakscharterschool.org/SocialSciences/>

Students, please share these documents with your parents as they will need them to supervise your work.

The next essay topics are:

- Should the United States have implemented the Marshall Plan?
or
- What are the similarities and differences between American society during the Cold War and American society in 2012?
or
- Should the United States be praised or condemned for its actions during the Cold War?
or
- Did the constant conflict between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. ultimately yield positive results?

The Essay is due on the same day as Portfolio #7, February 21, 2012.

State Standard addressed this week:

11.9. Students analyze U.S. foreign policy since World War II.

<p>11.9.1</p> <p>Discuss the establishment of the United Nations and International Declaration of Human Rights, [International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and their importance in shaping modern Europe and maintaining peace and international order.].</p>	<p>Pages: 603, 864, 872-873.</p> <p>N.B. You do not need to cover the last part of the description on the left. Although those sub-topics are part of this standard, they will be covered later in the term</p>
<p>11.9.2</p> <p>Understand the role of military alliances, including NATO and SEATO, in deterring communist aggression and maintaining security during the Cold War.</p>	<p>Pages: 608, 624-627, 680, 863.</p>