

Summary of WWII



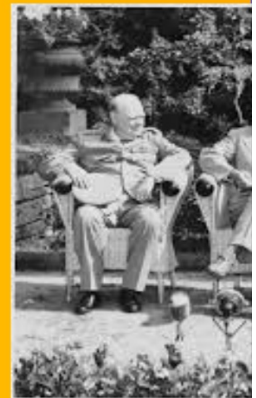
- Japan invades Pearl Harbor—Dec. 7, 1941
- US declares war on Japan & Germany—Dec. 8
- VE Day—May 8, 1945
- Victory in Japan after “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” were dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki—Aug. 6 & 9, 1945

Chapter 28: The Cold War--1945-1960

Section 1: Healing the Wounds of War

Occupation Rule

- Germany & Japan were shattered--rebuilding countries would be monumental task
- **Potsdam Conference:** US, France, UK, USSR all split Germany into 4 zones (Berlin as well)
- Crushed all remaining elements of Nazi Party
- USSR's behavior was concerning
- US occupied Japan from 1945-1952
- We demilitarized Japan & created democracy w/ US ideals--Emperor Hirohito became figurehead
- Allowed labor unions & broke up **zaibatsu** (large family-run monopolies--like pre-Civil War plantations)
- Gen. Douglas MacArthur ran the country



The War Crimes Trials

- **Nuremberg Trials:** international court in Nuremberg, Germany
 - 1946: 12 Nazis sentenced to death, 7 sent to jail, and 3 found not guilty
 - Hundreds of other trials that led to jail, fines, barring from public office
 - Many Nazis fled to Latin America
- **Tokyo Trials:** 7 people, including Premier Hideki Tojo, sentenced to death
- Precedent was set that there are "rules of war"--certain activities such as torture and using the argument "I was simply following orders" is unacceptable



The United Nations

- April 1945: Founded in San Francisco
- Goal is to fight for world peace
- 50 nations originally joined (193 today)
- **Security Council**: 5 permanent members (US, USSR, UK, France, China) & 10 rotating members
 - Make all military decisions & can veto any votes
- Headquarters are in New York City
- Former First Lady **Eleanor Roosevelt** was one of first US delegates
- Question became whether UN was powerful enough to enforce its rules



The Founding of Israel

- First test for UN--what to do with **Palestine**
- Many European Jews fled to Holy Land--Arabs protested
- UK ruled Palestine--gave authority to UN b/c the problem was too big for them
- UN created 2 states--1 for Jews and 1 for Arabs
- **Zionism**: movement to create a Jewish homeland
- 1948: Israel was officially organized--US & USSR recognized it
- **Arab-Israeli War**: violent reaction from Arab states
 - Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan all wanted Jews out
 - Jews were outnumbered but had advantage w/ weapons bought from \$ sent in by American Jews
 - 1949: agreement gave more land to Israel & split Jerusalem into Arab & Israeli zones



Section 2: The Cold War Begins

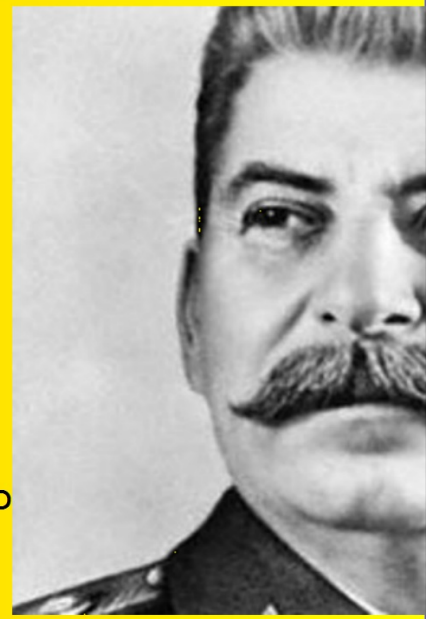
The Roots of the Cold War

Cold War: ever present threat of war between US & USSR

United States' values: democratic gov't, individual freedoms, capitalism

Soviet Unions' values: single-party rule, suppression of religion & freedoms, state-run economy (**socialism**)

- USSR led by Joseph Stalin during/after WWII
- Stalin pushed to create **satellite nations** through Europe
 - Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Manchuria
- Led to US efforts of **containment** of the "**Iron Curtain**"



Deadlock over Atomic Weapons

- USSR began developing nuclear weapons after WWII
- Led to disputes between US & USSR
- **Baruch Plan:** American plan to create international agency to inspect nuclear powers to ensure rules are followed--USSR rejected it
- 1949: USSR tested 1st atomic bomb--nuclear arms race becomes real



Containment Around the World

- Containment policy required money, supplies, and sometimes soldiers to stop spread of Communism
- **Truman Doctrine:** "policy...to support free peoples who are resisting..." Communism & USSR
 - Gave \$400 million of aid for Greece & Turkey to fight Communist rebels
 - **Marshall Plan:** \$17 billion program to give aid to European countries suffering from Depression and rebuilding efforts after WWII
 - Fear was USSR would have too much influence on Europe



Crisis in Berlin

- US, UK, France combined their sections of Germany in 1948--USSR kept East Germany
- Capital of Berlin sat in East Germany--split in same way as Germany
- West Berlin became a way for people to flee East Germany--angered USSR
- June 24, 1948: Soviets blocked all roads and travel in/out of West Berlin--no food, fuel, etc. going into city
- Soviet attempt to take the whole city
- **Berlin Airlift:** 10 months of airlifts dropped food/supplies into city--became lifeline
 - Soviets eventually lifted to blockade
- **NATO:** North Atlantic Treaty Organization: 9 western European nations, US, Canada, Iceland form defensive alliance in 1949
- **Warsaw Pact:** 1955 Soviet response to NATO



Section 3: The Cold War Turns Hot

Communist Victory in China

- 1920s: Civil War in China between democratic gov't & Communist-inspired students
- Civil War halted during WWII
- **Mao Zedong**: Communist leader after WWII continued Civil War--took land from wealthy & gave it to peasants
- We gave aid to democratic gov't/soldiers
- 1949: democratic gov't & army fled China for island of Taiwan
 - 2 Chinas:
 - Taiwan: democratic China
 - China: People's Republic (Communist)
 - We only recognized Taiwanese China



The Korean War Begins

- Japan ruled Korea until WWII--we split Korea w/ USSR
- 1948: North Korea & South Korea permanently created
- **Kim Il Sung**: 1st dictator & grandfather of current dictator (Kim Jong Un)
- US propped up South Korea to make it strong against North
- USSR propped up North
- 1949: US & USSR both left Korea
- June 25, 1950: North Korea invades South Korea
- UN sent soldiers in to stop North aggression
- **Douglas MacArthur** was head of US & UN troops
- North overruns nearly whole country by Sept.
- Sept. 1950: MacArthur launches counterattack--pushed the North back to almost China
- Nov. 1950: China sends 300,000 troops & pushes UN back to 38th parallel



Phases of the Korean War



Ending the Korean War

- MacArthur butted heads w/ Truman
 - Wanted to invade China but Truman worried USSR would then get into fight--didn't want WWII
 - Also wanted to use nuclear weapons--Truman didn't
- Truman removed MacArthur--Truman became unpopular
- Gen. Dwight Eisenhower ran and easily won election as POTUS in 1952 against Adlai Stevenson ("egghead")
- Eisenhower promised to be tough against Communism
- Ended war w/ increased bombings to convince North to negotiate peace treaty
- July 27, 1953: armistice is signed--doesn't end war
 - maintained virtually same border
 - 54,000 dead US
 - 1.3 million Koreans & Chinese dead



Fighting Communism Abroad

- Eisenhower saw nuclear arms & technology as keys to winning Cold War
- Can't be afraid of war (**brinkmanship**)--take NOTHING off the table
- Used the new **CIA** to gather strategic information & start **coups**
- 1951: CIA led covert operation to replace Iranian leader--led to anti-American feelings in Iran
- 1955: CIA bombed anti-American gov't in Guatemala--increased anger towards US in Latin America
- Increased aid to Middle East countries to resist Communism
- **Suez Crisis**: brink of war between USSR & west over access to oil
- 1956: Hungarian uprising--martial law declared & dissidents arrested/executed
 - Eisenhower condemned Soviet actions but refused to help too much for fear of nuclear war



A Brief Thaw in the Cold War

- Attempts made to improve relationship
- 1959: VP Richard Nixon visits USSR & USSR leader **Nikita Khrushchev** visited Iowa, Pittsburgh, Hollywood--things looked good
- May 1960: American U2 spyplane shot down in USSR
 - Gary Powers admitted to spying mission
- Khrushchev demanded apology--Ike refused
- Ended any chance at continued thaw



Section 4: The Cold War at Home

Cold War Fears

- Fear of war w/ USSR caused:
 - Creation of CIA
 - Replaced Dept. of War w/ Dept. of Defense
 - Created **National Security Council** to advise POTUS on all military/political info from around world
- Fear of Communism at home
 - Federal employees investigated by "loyalty boards"--led to 2,000 resignations & 300 firings
 - **House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)** created in House of Reps
 - Investigated ties to Communism--focus on labor unions & Hollywood
 - **Hollywood Ten**: 10 directors/writers that went to jail rather than answer questions of HUAC
 - Investigations & "witch hunts" led to **blacklists** in many industries
- **Julius & Ethel Rosenberg**: found guilty & executed of providing nuclear secrets to USSR






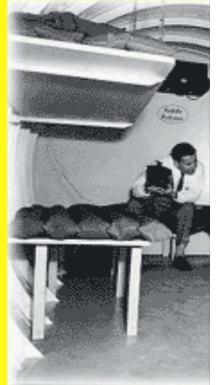
McCarthyism

- **Joseph McCarthy:** US Senator from Wisconsin
- Claimed to have a list of known Communist sympathizers in the US
- Used his power on Senate to investigate anyone he wanted
- Mere mention of your name by him would ruin your career/reputation
- Few challenged him due to fear of being labeled a Communist
- Used public opinion well
- Army-McCarthy Hearings:
 - 35 days of televised hearings of members of Army
 - Bullied & harassed soldiers & officers
 - Found no evidence of Communism in Army
 - "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"
 - Lost public support
 - Eventually punished by Senate for conduct



Nuclear Anxiety

- Arms race led to US developing **hydrogen bomb** (1000x stronger than atomic bomb) 
- 1st test of H-bomb vaporized an entire island in South Pacific
- USSR developed H-bomb
- Real fear of Americans led to increased church attendance--also led to differentiation w/ atheist USSR
 - added "one nation under God" to Pledge
- Protocols developed nationwide concerning what to do in event of nuclear war
- Fall out shelters dug all over country 
- Companies specialized in building them
- Nuclear arms race spread to space
 - Oct. 1957: USSR launches **Sputnik** 
 - Sputnik II had a dog on board--only lived a few days of 200 day mission
 - 1958: US sent 1st satellite (Explorer I)
 - **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) & National Defense Education Act** to increase funding for math & science education



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