

★ Reteaching Activity 22

The Cold War Begins, 1945–1960

Even before World War II ended, relations between the Soviet Union and United States deteriorated into a political standoff known as the Cold War. Joseph Stalin promoted the spread of communism. President Truman responded with a policy of containment. The threat of atomic war and fear of communism created anxiety among Americans.

DIRECTIONS: During Truman’s administration, the policy of containing communism was introduced. Explain how each of the policies or actions below supported containment.

1. **Truman Doctrine:** _____

2. **The Marshall Plan:** _____

3. **The Berlin Airlift:** _____

4. **NATO:** _____

5. **Korean War:** _____

6. **Project Venona:** _____

7. **Critical Thinking** Senator McCarthy played on Americans’ fear of communism until his investigation became a witch hunt. In your opinion, what activities, if any, warrant the suspension of the rights of an American citizen? Are there instances when the need for national security supersedes the rights of an individual? Explain.

