

| Unit Three: Cold War America | | | | |
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| Main Focus: Atomic Age and the Culture of the Cold War (Ch 27) | | | | |
| 19 | F 10/21 | Dawn of the Atomic Age | EH Chapter 27: 750-769 | |
| 10/24 – 10/28 Quiz #3 = Chapter 28 | | | | |
| 20 | M 10/24 | The Cold War | Eh Chapter 27: 757-769 | |
| 21 | W 10/26 | Workshop Day | No reading | |
| 22 | F 10/28 | McCarthyism; Korean War | EH Chapter 27: 769-777 | Skill Builder 5 |
| 23 | M 10/31 | Americans and the Bomb | Williams, “Clan of the One-Breasted Woman” (PDF) | |
| 24 | W 11/2 | Exam #3 | | |

Questions to consider as you read – you should be able to answer these for the exam

How did World War II transition into a decades-long Cold War, despite robust international agreements?

What was the policy of containment a response to, and who among Truman’s cabinet argued for it?

What was the Truman Doctrine?

What were American efforts to rebuild Germany and Japan?

What does the phrase “the Iron Curtain” refer to, and what was the US’s policy about it?

Why was the postwar economy booming?

How did veterans adjust?

Did Truman continue the New Deal? Why/how did he win the election of 1948?

Why was there such concern about Communist subversion in 1949-1954?

Why has this period come to be called the era of “McCarthyism”?

Why was NSC-68 such an important document?

What was the U.S. fighting for in the Korean War? How did that war end?

What were global implications of the Cold War?

What is “brinkmanship” and how does it apply to the 1950s?

Be prepared to discuss key events of the Cold War in the Eisenhower and Kennedy years

How did the Cold War impact American culture in the late 1940s and the 1950s?

If you were asked whether Americans in the 1950s were more conformist or rebellious, what evidence would you use to argue your claim?