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## Origins of the Cold War Notes #1

Why was it called the "COLD" War?



- When WWII ended in 1945, the U.S. and Soviet Union were the #1 & #2 leading \_\_\_\_\_ in the world
- Because of nuclear weapons, the superpowers never actually \_\_\_\_\_ each other in open warfare
- Their global competition (to be the most powerful nation) led to frequent other conflicts

The Iron Curtain



- The Iron Curtain was a \_\_\_\_\_ boundary that divided Europe:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ East
  - \_\_\_\_\_ West
- Existed from the end of WWII in 1945 until **the end of the Cold War** in \_\_\_\_\_

Truman Doctrine (Containment)



- U.S. Foreign Policy established by Harry Truman (1947)
- The U.S. would provide \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ aid to countries (EUROPE) who were attempting to resist \_\_\_\_\_ takeover

Marshall Plan (1948-1951)



- America restored economic \_\_\_\_\_ to Western Europe
- Offered money to any countries that needed it, include \_\_\_\_\_ & Italy
- \_\_\_\_\_ turning to communism

## Berlin Blockade



- The Berlin Blockade was an attempt in 1948 by the Soviet Union to limit the \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S., Great Britain, and France to \_\_\_\_\_ to their sectors of Berlin, which lay within Russian-occupied territory
- Soviets blocked:
  - All railroad & \_\_\_\_\_ to the western zones of Berlin
  - 2.5 million civilians had no access to food, medicine, \_\_\_\_\_, electricity, & basic goods

## Berlin Airlift (1948-1949)



- West Berlin was \_\_\_\_\_
  - One of the first major international crises of the Cold War
- Brought about 2.3 million tons of supplies to West Berlin
- The U.S. flew in supplies for 327 days (277,000 flights)
- **Outcome:** Soviets \_\_\_\_\_ the blockade & Germany officially becomes \_\_\_\_\_ countries

## North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)



- Created in 1949
- A formal \_\_\_\_\_ between the territories of North America & Europe
- Job was to **provide collective** \_\_\_\_\_ *against the Soviet Union*
- **First** \_\_\_\_\_ military alliance the U.S. entered into



## Warsaw Pact

- Soviet Union & its \_\_\_\_\_ Communist nations in Eastern Europe **founded rival alliance**
- **Warsaw Pact:**
  - Soviet Union & \_\_\_\_\_ would provide collective security to each other