A Quiz...

1. What is the Baruch Plan?
2. What was the Bolshoi Speech (1946)?
3. When was the Berlin Wall started?
4. When is the first ICBM?
5. First Nuclear (fission) bomb?
Interpreting COLD WAR Origins: Past, Present, Future
“The Cold War was the greatest single force affecting American society during the decade and a half after World War II”

Gary Nash

“Our students are already beginning to raise the question of what the Cold War was all about in the first place.”

John L Gaddis
Propaganda

ДРУЖБА ПО АМЕРИКАНСКИ

IS THIS TOMORROW

AMERICA UNDER COMMUNISM!
So what WAS the Cold War?

- What happened?
- Why were there sides?
- Why were certain states on certain sides?
- A “Cold War” clear by 1950?
The Key Issues?

- “Growth of Tensions” (US – USSR)
- Iranian Crisis of 1946
- Baruch Plan for the IAEA
- Berlin Airlift
- Formation of North Atlantic Treaty (NATO)
- What do you use?
How Historians get there...

SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

- Orthodox/Traditional
- Revisionism
- Post-Revisionism

Significance?
Soviet expansionism
Stalin broke Yalta and Potsdam promises
Imposed Soviet-dominated regimes in Eastern Europe
Stalin’s “Two World” speech at Bolshoi
Others?

Source: http://clapso.wordpress.com/
ORTHODOX (cont’d)

Harry S. Truman

U.S. Reaction:
- Long Telegram
- Truman Doctrine
- Containment Policy
- Marshall Plan

New Left: The Revisionists

- William Appleman Williams
- U. of W - Madison
- Late 1960s-70s
- Reaction to Vietnam
- Economic factors as drivers.
REVISIONIST Perspective

Walter LaFeber,

- US emphasis on economic expansion and capitalism AND search for foreign markets.
- Corporatism
Gar Alperovitz, American revisionist

- Soviets hopelessly unable to wage war with U.S. after WW II.
- U.S. dropped atomic bomb not to end WWII but to intimidate U.S.S.R.
A Question of Blame?

“A moral assessment of blame is the most important criterion in categorizing the various interpretations of the Cold War.”

• Gier Lundestad
Soviet “expansionism” (Security/Revolution) and U.S. “imperialism” (Economic) equally responsible for the Cold War.

Cold War a result of predictable, even unavoidable, tensions between post-1945 world powers.
Neither side can bear sole responsibility for the onset of the Cold War."

- John Lewis Gaddis
JOHN LEWIS GADDIS

WE NOW KNOW
Rethinking Cold War History

The United States and the Origins of the Cold War: 1941-1947
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—THE BOSTON GLOBE

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Post-Revisionists Texts
Who started the Cold War?

- **ORTHODOX:**
  - Soviets

- **REVISIONIST:**
  - United States

- **POST-REVOLUTIONIST:**
  - Both powers (and UK)
CCSS Uses for “Who Caused” History as “Dilemma”

- Standards that need apply (RH):
  - Key Ideas:
    - “logical inferences,” “specific textual evidence,” “summarize supporting details.”
  - Craft and Structure:
    - “assess point of view...shapes the content.”
  - Integrate Knowledge:
    - “analyze how two or more texts address similar themes...”
Standards that need apply (WHST):

- Grades 11-12:
  - introduce...claims, establish their significance, distinguish one claim from another, and create a sequence for them.
  - establish...objective tone.
  - develop the topic by...selecting the most...relevant facts...quotations, etc.
  - gather relevant information from multiple, authoritative print...sources.
“Who” Caused the Cold War?

World in the 20th Century

Paper

Idea:

US historians have argued about “who” is responsible for the beginnings of the Cold War, under the assumption that the conflict was not unavoidable (perhaps it wasn’t?). As you will see, there are three major schools of thought. The first that the USSR and Stalin’s policies forced the conflict, the second that the policies of the US forced it, and finally (yes a third – “Post-Revisionist”) that both sides missed the opportunities to solve their differences, therefore both are responsible. Who is “guilty?” You need to decide which one of the three arguments is most valid, and provide the proof to that statement. You need to talk about more than just the US.

Need to Read first:

Go to ABC-CLIO (World at War) Analyze: COLD WAR: Start of Cold War (Read entire Analyze, especially the Need to Know: Background Essay and all four Dilemma Perspectives)

Article: Start of Cold War: US History Textbooks

Requirements:

You will write a paper that will argue one of the three reasons for the coming of the Cold War.
Managing the sources


- ABC-CLIO
- Defining Moments: Truman and Containment
- Online
  - ABC-CLIO
  - World Conflict Site
  - “Analyze”
Sources Consulted


ABC-CLIO Sources – hand-outs/on site
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