# STUDY GUIDE

## THE COLD WAR

After World War II, the differences between the **United States** and the **Soviet Union** caused the two countries to come into conflict. The Soviets feared the capitalist West, and Western leaders feared communism. Thus began the **Cold War**, not a conventional war fought with weapons, but a war of political ideologies and a quest for world dominance.

#### **Truman Doctrine**

Created in 1947 to stop the spread of communism in the free world, it said that the United States would provide money (in this case, to Greece and Turkey) to countries that were threatened by communist expansion.

United States Responses

#### Marshall Plan

Proposed in June 1947, the plan provided \$13 billion to rebuild war torn Europe because it was believed that communism was only successful in countries that had economic problems.

### CHINA AFTER WORLD WAR II



### COLD WAR CONFLICTS

### **PROXY WAR**

Two powers in conflict use substitutes instead of fighting each other directly

#### **DOMINO THEORY**

The idea that if one country falls to communism, neighboring countries will also fall