

Post

World War II

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**Our foreign policy
changed when Pearl
harbor was bombed**

**From isolationism to
involvement**

Remember:

**Pearl Harbor taught us
that **isolationism** does
not work**

**A new threat to U.S.
security immediately after
World War II**

Communism

**Our policy of
involvement meant we
would work in the
world to stop the
spreading of
communism**

Containment

Policy of trying to stop
communism from
spreading

**U.S. emerged from
World War II as the
“leader of the free
world”**

**Strongest economy and
military**

Truman Doctrine

**Giving money and
weapons to those
fighting against
communism**

Marshall Plan

**U.S. became involved
in helping to rebuild
war-torn
Europe**

**Why did we spend
money to help
rebuild
Europe?????**

**1. Help these countries
rebuild and improve
their economies so
they would not be as
likely to turn to
communism**

2. By improving their economies they could become trading partners with the U.S.

**We also helped
rebuild Japan (NOT
part of the Marshall
Plan)
for the same reasons**

Military Containment

**Use of U.S. troops to
prevent communism
from spreading**

Germany

**Following World War II
the U.S.S.R. occupied
East Germany and
Eastern Europe**

**We left our troops
in West Germany to
stop the Soviets
from spreading
their control**

**U.S. military force
occupied Japan following
World War II**

**Prevent U.S.S.R. from
taking over and to make
sure Japan could not start
another war**

Domestic Issues

Major concern:

**Great Depression
starting again**

**Two actions taken
to help prevent high
unemployment
following World
War II**

1. U.S. soldiers were not discharged all at once, but slowly over a couple of years. That way they did not flood the job market

2. G.I. Bill

**Plan that gave money to
returning veterans for
college, homes or to start
businesses**

How did the

G.I. Bill

help the

economy?

**1. Home construction
increased - money to
build**

**Many men hired to build
houses = jobs**

**2. Many went to college
and vocational schools
which delayed their entry
into the work force and
Increased their earning
power afterwards**

**3. Allowed new
businesses to start and
they would hire
workers**

**4. Colleges, construction
companies and
transportation
companies all benefited
from people using their**

G.I. Bills

Nuremberg Trials

**Nazis on trial for crimes
against humanity**

**Unlike World War I, there
was NOT an effort to
return to conditions before
the war.**

**New foreign policy and do
NOT want the Great
Depression to return**

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