

1. Cold War Essay

- Discuss and explain in detail the effects of the Cold War on American politics, society, military operations, and economics as it pertains to the following topics:

2. Topics

- Discuss why the Americans were so afraid of communist infiltration after the end of World War II. Items for discussion should include the HUAC, McCarthyism and the Red Scare.
- Discuss, compare and contrast any leader of the United States with his counterpart in the U.S.S.R at the same time and the impact their countries had on the Cold War.
- Discuss the policy of containment and the Domino Theory as it applied to the United States foreign policy during the Cold War.
- Discuss the influence of the Vietnam War on the Cold War.
- Discuss the influence of the Korean War on the Cold War.
- Discuss the significance of the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis on the Cold War.
- Why was the Cold War such a driving factor behind the space race?
- Discuss the nuclear arms race and the ways in which the Cold War has caused many volatile nations to have nuclear weapons. Items for discussion should include SDI, SALT I and SALT II.
- What were the causes of the American economic boom in the 1950's? How did prosperity affect the nation socially, politically, and economically?
- Discuss the significance of NATO, the Marshall Plan, The Truman Doctrine, and the Warsaw Pact as contributing factors to the Cold War.

3. Instructions

- Choose 5 (five) topics.
- Essay will be done in 12 font (Times New Roman) with an introduction of at least 250 words, each topic should have a minimum of 500 words per topic, a conclusion of at least 250 words and single spaced. Total word count will be a minimum of 3000.
- This is **NOT** a copy and paste exercise. All answers should be original work. Any papers turned in with copy and paste issues will have their final grade drastically reduced and potentially lead to a failing grade in the class. Turnitin.com will be used to determine originality of this research paper.
- Submission of essay will be no later than Friday 12/14/18 at 8:00 A.M.
- Early submission is recommended to get approval for final exam.

4. Example

- Introduction-This should be a brief explanation of the how the Cold War began and the initial efforts of both sides to take control of the world. Items for discussion can include the Berlin Blockade, the Berlin Airlift, the Iron Curtain and the Yalta Conference. 250 words minimum.
- Topics-Each student will select 5 topics from the ones listed above and create a minimum of 500-word count essay on the chosen topics.
- Conclusion-This will be a summation or opinion on the Cold War and its effects on American society. 250 words minimum.
- Essay must be at least 3000 words total.