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EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

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# F I R S T Q U E S T I O N WAS THE COLD WAR INEVITABLE?



## MY CONCLUSION

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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### IDEAS

Capitalism  
Capital  
Free Market Economy  
Communism  
From everyone according to his ability, to everyone according to his need  
Veto

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Karl Marx  
Frederich Engels  
Nicolas II  
Vladimir Lenin  
Bolsheviks  
Josef Stalin  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
United Nations  
Security Council  
General Assembly  
Secretary General

### EVENTS

Yalta Conference  
Potsdam Conference  
Decolonization

### PLACES

USSR  
Israel  
Third World  
Iron Curtain  
Berlin Wall

### TEXTS

The Communist Manifesto

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Agenda:** a list of matters to be taken up, as at a meeting  
**Animosity:** a feeling of ill will arousing active hostility  
**Authorize:** grant permission or clearance for  
**Buffer:** protect from impact  
**Coexist:** occur at the same time or place  
**Converge:** be adjacent or come together  
**Countervail:** oppose and mitigate the effects of by contrary actions  
**Decade:** a period of 10 years  
**Envision:** imagine, conceive of, or see in one's mind  
**Feasible:** capable of being done with means at hand  
**Humanitarian:** marked by devotion to popular welfare  
**Impoverished:** poor enough to need help from others  
**Incarnation:** act of attributing human characteristics to abstract ideas  
**Inhibit:** limit the range or extent of  
**Internationalism:** quality of being global in scope  
**Mindset:** an attitude determining how you will respond to situations  
**Peacekeeper:** someone who maintains tranquility  
**Superpower:** a country that can influence events throughout the world  
**Unavoidable:** impossible to evade  
**Utopia:** perfect place or situation

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# S E C O N D Q U E S T I O N

## WAS CONTAINMENT THE RIGHT WAY TO DEAL WITH THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM?



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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### PEOPLE & GROUPS

George Kennan  
George Marshall  
William Turner  
NATO  
Warsaw Pact  
Sun Yat-sen  
Chiang Kai-shek  
Mao Zedong  
Syngman Rhee  
Kim Il-Sung  
Douglas MacArthur  
Kim Jong-Il  
Kim Jong-un  
Ho Chi Minh  
Viet Minh  
Vo Nguyen Giap  
Ngo Dinh Diem  
Viet Cong

#### IDEAS

Collective Security  
Stalemate  
Armistice

#### POLICIES

Containment  
Truman Doctrine  
Marshall Plan  
Domino Theory

#### PLACES

Baltic States  
Berlin  
People's Republic of China  
Republic of China  
Taiwan  
38th Parallel  
Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)  
Indochina  
Hanoi  
Saigon

#### EVENTS

Berlin Airlift  
Long March  
Dien Bien Phu

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Abdicate:** give up power, as of kings and emperors  
**Antagonize:** provoke the hostility of  
**Archaic:** extremely old, belong to an earlier period  
**Armistice:** a state of peace agreed to between opponents  
**Enclave:** an enclosed territory that is culturally distinct  
**Fledgling:** young bird  
**Insubordination:** defiance of authority  
**Logistical:** of or relating to the management of an operation or event  
**Miscalculate:** compute incorrectly  
**Modernize:** make repairs, renovations, revisions  
**Pawn:** leave as a guarantee in return for money  
**Peninsula:** a body of land with water on three sides  
**Predominantly:** much greater in number or influence  
**Protégé:** a person who receives support from an influential patron  
**Stalemate:** a situation in which no progress can be made  
**Straddle:** sit or stand astride of  
**Topple:** fall down, as if collapsing  
**Unfettered:** freed, not bound by chains  
**Warmonger:** a person who advocates war or warlike policies

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# T H I R D Q U E S T I O N

## DID AMERICAN LEADERS RESPOND WISELY TO THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM?



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#### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Curtis LaMay  
Nuclear Club  
Captain America  
Superman  
Laika  
Yuri Gagarin  
Alan Shephard  
Valentina Tereshkova  
John F. Kennedy  
Neil Armstrong  
Lyndon B. Johnson  
New Frontiersmen  
Fulgencio Bautista  
Fidel Castro  
Nikita Khrushchev  
Adlai Stevenson  
Robert Kennedy  
Ex-Comm  
Politburo  
Leonid Breshnev  
Raul Castro

#### POLICIES & TREATIES

Compact of Free Association  
New Frontier  
Flexible Response

#### IDEAS

Proliferation  
Nuclear Winter  
Mutually Assured Destruction  
Blockade  
Embargo

#### GOVERNMENT & MILITARY AGENCIES

Strategic Air Command  
Civil Defense  
Apollo Program  
Peace Corps  
Central Intelligence Agency

#### SPEECHES

Kennedy's Inaugural Address  
We Choose to Go to the Moon  
One small step for man...

#### LOCATIONS

Bikini Atoll  
Enwetak  
  
**EVENTS**  
Castle Bravo  
1960 Presidential Election  
Kennedy-Nixon Debates  
Cuban Revolution  
Bay of Pigs Invasion  
Cuban Missile Crisis

#### TECHNOLOGIES

B-52 Stratofortress  
Thermonuclear Warhead  
Tactical Nuclear Weapons  
ICBM  
SLBM  
Nuclear Triad  
MIRV  
Fallout Shelter  
Sputnik  
Explorer 1  
U-2  
Red Telephone

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Atoll:** an island consisting of a coral reef surrounding a lagoon

**Caveat:** a warning against certain acts

**Climactic:** consisting of or causing a decisive moment

**Deterrent:** something immaterial that interferes with action or progress

**Detonate:** cause to burst with a violent release of energy

**Enshrine:** enclose in a place of worship

**Euphemistic:** substituting a mild term for a harsher or distasteful one

**Existential:** relating to or dealing with the state of being

**Flawless:** without a weakness or defect

**Glamorous:** having an air of allure, romance and excitement

**Incontrovertible:** impossible to deny or disprove

**Lethargic:** not active, slow

**Miscalculate:** compute incorrectly

**Resiliency:** ability of a material to return to its original shape

**Silo:** a cylindrical tower used for storing grain

**Syndrome:** a pattern of symptoms indicative of some disease

**Triad:** a set of three similar things considered as a unit

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# F O U R T H Q U E S T I O N DID THE COLD WAR HURT AMERICA?



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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Alger Hiss  
Julius and Ethel Rosenberg  
Joseph McCarthy  
Reds  
Hollywood 10

### LAWS & TREATIES

Nuclear Non-Proliferation  
Treaty  
National Defense Education  
Act

### IDEAS

Military Industrial Complex  
Bomber Gap  
Missile Gap  
Bomb Shelters

### GOVERNMENT & INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

House Un-American  
Activities Committee  
International Atomic  
Energy Agency

### SPEECHES

McCarthy's 205  
Communists  
Have you no sense of  
decency?  
Atoms for Peace  
Eisenhower's Farewell  
Address

### EVENTS

Second Red Scare  
McCarthyism

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Charade:** a word acted out in an episode of a game  
**Civilian:** a nonmilitary citizen  
**Crusader:** someone who is a diligent and ardent advocate of a cause  
**Decency:** the quality of conforming to rules of propriety and morality  
**Disavow:** refuse to acknowledge  
**Dubious:** fraught with uncertainty or doubt  
**Epitomize:** embody the essential characteristics of  
**Existential:** relating to or dealing with the state of being  
**Fed up:** thoroughly disgusted with something  
**Flimsy:** a thin strong lightweight translucent paper  
**Funding:** money provided for a project  
**Gap:** an open or empty space in or between things  
**Inconclusive:** not putting an end to doubt or question  
**Irreversible:** incapable of being turned around  
**Omnipresent:** existing everywhere at once  
**Outweigh:** be more important or significant than  
**Paranoia:** believing others are trying to hurt you  
**Paranoid:** suffering from delusions of grandeur  
**Tantamount:** being essentially equal to something  
**Tarnish:** make or become dirty or spotty  
**Unfounded:** without a basis in reason or fact

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# F I F T H Q U E S T I O N

## WAS THE SOVIET UNION REALLY AN EVIL EMPIRE?



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### CONTENT VOCABULARY

#### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn  
Dr. Henry Kissinger  
Strongman  
Salvador Allende  
Agosto Pinochet  
Manuel Noriega  
Sandinistas  
Contras  
PMLN  
Oscar Romero  
Gamal Abdel Nasser

#### POLICIES & TREATIES

Partial Test Ban Treaty  
Outer Space Treaty  
Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty  
SALT I & SALT II  
Biological Weapons Convention  
Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty  
Helsinki Accords  
Détente

#### IDEAS

Realpolitik  
Proxy Wars

#### TEXTS

The Gulag Archipelago

#### GOVERNMENT

##### ORGANIZATIONS

KGB  
Stasi  
Juntong  
State Security Department  
Gulag  
Troika  
Apollo-Soyuz Test Project  
School of the Americas

#### EVENTS

Kitchen Debate  
Hungarian Uprising  
Prague Spring  
Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan  
Assassination of Oscar Romero  
Suez Crisis

#### LOCATIONS

Israel

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Amenable:** disposed or willing to comply

**Clandestine:** done in secret

**Curfew:** an order that after a certain time activities are prohibited

**Disband:** to break up or stop

**Disparaging:** expressive of low opinion

**Dissident:** a person who objects to an authority

**Egregious:** conspicuously and outrageously bad

**Eulogize:** praise formally and eloquently

**Eyewitness:** a person who sees an event

**Fabled:** famous or legendary

**Forestall:** keep from happening or arising; make impossible

**Ideology:** an orientation that characterizes the thinking of a group

**Incarceration:** the state of being imprisoned

**Microcosm:** a miniature model of something

**Reinstate:** bring back into original existence, function, or position

**Scapegoat:** someone who is punished for the errors of others

**Stampede:** a wild headlong rush of frightened animals

**Unsavory:** morally offensive

**Uprising:** organized opposition to authority

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# S I X T H Q U E S T I O N WHY DID THE COLD WAR END?



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## CONTENT VOCABULARY

### PEOPLE & GROUPS

Ronald Reagan  
Margaret Thatcher  
Mikhail Gorbachev  
Solidarity  
Lech Walesa  
Pope John Paul II  
Erich Honecker  
Boris Yeltsin

### SPEECHES

Evil Empire Speech  
Tear Down This Wall

### IDEAS

Vietnam Syndrome

### LOCATIONS

People Republic of China  
Republic of China  
Alexanderplatz

### TEXTS

Shanghai Communiqué

### GOVERNMENT

#### PROGRAMS & AGENCIES

Strategic Defense Initiative  
Missile Defense Agency

#### POLICIES

Rapprochement  
Ping Pong Diplomacy  
One China Policy  
Reagan Doctrine  
Perestroika & Glasnost  
Sinatra Doctrine  
Brezhnev Doctrine

#### EVENTS

Nixon's Visit to China  
Iran-Contra Scandal  
Reykjavik Summit  
Tiananmen Square  
Massacre  
Fall of the Berlin Wall  
Reunification of Germany  
1991 Coup  
Fall of the Soviet Union

## ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

**Adrift:** afloat on the surface of a body of water

**Bilateral:** having two sides or parts

**Cassette:** a flat case holding magnetic tape for playing sound or video

**Confrontational:** aggressive and prone to starting arguments or fights

**Daunting:** discouraging through fear

**Disarray:** not organized

**Dissolution:** separation into component parts

**Haphazard:** dependent on chance

**Hectic:** marked by intense activity or agitation

**Impractical:** not workable

**Liberalization:** the act of making less strict

**Manipulate:** influence or control shrewdly or deviously

**Oligarch:** member of a small group that runs a country, business, etc.

**Overt:** open and observable; not secret or hidden

**Privatization:** changing something from state to individual ownership

**Replica:** copy that is not the original

**Reunification:** the act of coming together again

**Stringent:** demanding strict attention to rules and procedures

**Veer:** turn sharply; change direction abruptly

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