

U.S. History Week 7: May 18-22

Big Idea: Cold War---Brrrrrr!

Big Questions:

What role does FEAR play in politics?

National Security vs. Individual Freedom: Which is more important? Can they coexist?



This week we will learn about:

The Who, What, Whens and Wheres of the Cold War: Ideologies, Policies, the Arms Race and Proxy Wars

Background:

View this Crash Course to build some background knowledge:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9HjvHZfCU>

YOUR TASK THIS WEEK: 2 Parts!

PART I: Complete the following 3 Assignments. These lessons are for the whole week and intended to be accessed in this order:

Lesson 1: POST WORLD WAR II

- Read this to get an overview of the early years of the Cold War:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-yZaLchSL7iST3aSAQcLTZjACX-zHe6Z/view?usp=sharing>

Lesson 2: Fear, McCarthyism, and the Red Scare

- View this to get a sense of how pervasive fear was during this time (this was shown across schools in America!): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKqXu-5jw60>
- Read this article to get a sense of the big ideas of McCarthyism: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zS9evVOmnAHqPcnC7Zrfg2Uwmqepo2Q/_view?usp=sharing

Lesson 3: Cold War as an international conflict: Vietnam War

- **Causes and Effects:** Understand the causes and effects of the Vietnam War by reading the documents here (NO NEED TO WRITE THE DARN ESSAY....UNLESS YOU WANT TO! :))
 - **Vietnam Documents** (don't complete the DBQ or write the essay, just use the documents to help answer your journal response questions!)
<https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/cms/lib/NY01000029/Centricity/Domain/353/DBQ%20Vietnam%20War.pdf>

- **Protests at home:** The Vietnam War faced a lot of protest back home. View this speech from John Kerry, then a veteran of the Vietnam War (later the Democratic nominee for President) to get a sense of how many Americans viewed the Vietnam War:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yixdveuf0GQ>
- **Music of the Vietnam War:** To this day, the music created in protest of the Vietnam War remains legendary and continues to blast through our stereo systems (spotify accounts?!). Read this article for some analysis as to why:
<https://time.com/4949617/music-vietnam-war/>

PART II: Journal Response!

Directions: Please make sure to include evidence from the lessons above to support your answers.

Week 7 Journal Response Questions (Submit via CANVAS!)

- **For the textbook reading in Lesson 1 :**
 - 1) How did the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan address the spread of communism?
 - 2) What triggered the beginning of the Berlin airlift?
 - 3) How did President Truman view the Communist invasion of South Korea?
- **For Fear and McCarthyism in Lesson 2:**
 - 4) Who was Bert the Turtle? What was his message?
 - 5) Based on your reading of the article, what are the three most important things someone should know in order to understand McCarthyism?
- **For Vietnam War Sources in Lesson 3:**
 - 6) According to the documents, what's one reason the United States got involved in Vietnam? (indicate document number)
 - 7) According to the documents, what impacts did the Vietnam War have on American society and American foreign policy? (indicated document numbers)
 - 8) According to John Kerry, why is the United States fighting in Vietnam? Summarize John Kerry's main message. Do you agree? Disagree? Why?
 - 9) According to the article, what role did music play in the Vietnam War? What song do you feel embodies your experience during the social distancing pandemic?

*******SYNTHESIS:**

- 10) Based on the lessons this week, what role did fear play during the Cold War? What role is fear playing in the politics of the global pandemic? Why do you think the Cold War became an international conflict? Do you feel our involvement in the Vietnam War was justified? Why/why not? In what ways are the legacies of the Cold War being felt in today's world?