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The Start of the First Cold War

The Aftermath of WWII and The First Cold War 1

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

Chapter 10: East vs. West: A Bipolar World
Briefly discuss the structure and mission of the United Nations
Briefly discuss how Germany was divided after World War II, and note the split in the approaches to "rebuild" Germany -
Briefly discuss the US occupation of Japan, and describe how it was rebuilt –
Briefly explain the significance of the Nuremberg and Tokyo Trials –
Contrast Mackinder's Heartland Theory with Spykman's Rimland Theory –
Define: Iron Curtain, and describe early efforts of U.S. containment (of communism)
Briefly discuss the U.S. Marshall Plan, as well as Soviet COMECON –
Briefly discuss the Berlin Airlift, and explain why it is often considered the start of the Cold War –

Chapter 10: A World Divided
Briefly contrast the types of countries that joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as well as the types of countries that joined the Warsaw Pact –
Define: nonalignment, and briefly explain what types of countries chose nonalignment –
Describe why an Arms Race began, and explain why direct conflict between the superpowers never occurred (include M.A.D.) –
Define: First World, Second World, and Third World; briefly discuss the East-West and North-South divides –
Define: [Second] Red Scare (and McCarthyism), mentioning the emergence of communist China and the start of the Korean War –
Briefly discuss the invention of the hydrogen bomb, as well as its influence in popular culture –
Briefly explain why the stockpiling of nuclear weapons supposedly provided a "bigger bang for the buck" as opposed to conventional weapons –