

Short Essay: Write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) in response to the following questions. Use the bottom and/or the back of your scantron. (5 points each)

1. Explain why the Cold War began and what it was about. What kinds of policies and organizations were created in order for each side to win the war?
 - indirect fighting between U.S. and U.S.S.R.
 - democracy vs. communism (ideological differences)
 - USA: policy of containment, NATO, Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan
 - USSR: Warsaw Pact, Berlin wall, took over eastern Europe (satellites)

2. Explain how the Cold War spread to Asia. How and why did the U.S. get involved in these wars (domino theory)? What were the results of these wars?
 - Soviet Union → China → Korea → Vietnam
 - Chinese Civil War: U.S. did **NOT** get involved
 - Mao Zedong, communists win = China becomes communist
 - Korean War: U.S. supported democratic South, China supported communist North
 - Truce, nothing changed, Korea remained divided at the 38th parallel
 - Vietnam War: U.S. supported democratic South
 - U.S. and democracy lose, Vietnam becomes communist
 - **Domino theory:** The fear that if one country falls to communism, they all would

3. Describe how the Cold War spread to Latin America. How did U.S. and Soviet influence in the Third World lead to the Cuban Missile Crisis?
- Third World = poor, developing nations not aligned with either superpower
 - Cuba = Third World
 - Fidel Castro becomes dictator of Cuba
 - U.S. responds with an embargo on all trades with Cuba
 - Castro turns to the Soviets for military and economic aid
 - USSR and Cuba make an alliance
 - Soviets place nuclear weapons in Cuba → Cuban Missile Crisis
4. Describe how the Cold War ended (destalinization, détente) and summarize the 3 main causes for the fall of the Soviet Union.
- **Destalinization**: erasing the memory of Stalin and his ways; changing USSR
 - **Détente**: reducing tensions during Cold War; pulling out of the war; countries want peace
 - 1. Failure of command economy (briefly describe)
 - 2. Soviet Reforms (briefly describe)
 - Perestroika
 - Glasnost
 - Demokratizatsia
 - 3. Independence movements (briefly describe)
 - satellite states fight for freedom
 - Berlin wall taken down