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APUSH P1

1. What was the Truman Doctrine and what was the cause of its creation?

* The Truman Doctrine was the policy proposed by Harry Truman that said that the US would give their full support to the free peoples of Europe being oppressed by Stalin and his Red Army. The cause of its creation was Truman's belief after seeing Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Eastern Europe fall behind the communist curtain that Stalin sought to expand and gain control, not to negotiate.

2. What were the series of events that brought about the Cold War?

* After Greek communists sought to topple the monarchy and the Soviet Union's demand in Turkey of their strategic straits, Truman was urged to give $400 in aid to Greece and Turkey. The two local events would lead to the Cold War.

3. How did each side in the Cold War perceive the goals of the other side, and were these perceptions justified?

* Under Truman's influence, the US citizens perceived that the conflicts in Europe would threaten the safety/welfare of the United States. They also perceived the communists as relentless expansionists. The communists believed in totalitarian rule and believed that the "free people" were preventing them from reaching their goals.

4. How did the presence of nuclear weapons affect international politics during the Cold War? Explain.

* The presence of nuclear weapons affected international politics because it proved to be a threat to other countries and showed that whoever had more nuclear weapons would impose greater harm on their enemies, thus having more leverage in political matters.