**U.S. History**

**The Cold War: A Review Guide**

Readings: Section 1: The Cold War Begins: pp. 398-405

Section 2: The Korean War, pp. 406-411

Section 4: The Cold War at Home, pp. 420-27

Key Questions:

1. What were the causes of the Cold War? Consider the points of view of both the Russians and the Americans. Be sure to discuss ideological differences as well. Define the traditional, revisionist, and postrevisionist perspectives as part of your discussion.
2. Distinguish between utopian socialism, Marxism, and democratic socialism. What do you think of each one?
3. Why wasn’t the war against the Soviet Union like that against Hitler? That is, why didn’t the U.S. invade the Soviet Union or use nuclear weapons against it? Be sure to discuss the situation of Europe after World War II.
4. To what extent have nuclear weapons changed the nature of international relations? In your opinion, what should be done to address this challenge?
5. In the 1950s, fear that the Soviets were seeking to spread communism led to the Red Scare. What are some examples of how the Red Scare affected people within the United States? To what extent was the drive to root out communists justified (In other words, were there actually communists helping the Russians?)
6. What is McCarthyism? Discuss the means that McCarthy used as a Senator investigating communism in the United States. Why were people afraid of him? Ultimately, what happened to him?

Key Terms and People

1. Yalta, Poland, Iron Curtain, containment, Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan
2. Bipolar distribution of power, NATO, Warsaw Pact, SEATO, 38th parallel, Douglas MacArthur, Seoul, Pyongyang
3. Red Scare, Smith Act, HUAC, Hollywood Ten, blacklist, Alger Hiss, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg