

Harry S. Truman (1945-1953)

- I. Harry S. Truman (1945-1953) –Democrat
 - A. Born –Lamar, Missouri –had many occupations and served in WWI
 - B. Political Career –local politician, Senator (Investigator Truman), Vice President
 - C. The Accidental President
 - D. Harry Truman Fun Facts

- II. Atomic Bomb
 - A. The Manhattan Project -introduced by Albert Einstein and director was Director Robert Oppenheimer
 - B. Successful test in Los Alamos, New Mexico –July 16, 1945
 - C. Hiroshima –August 6, 1945 -140,000 killed
 - D. Nagasaki –August 9, 1945 -70,000 killed
 - E. Proponents and Opponents of the Atomic Bomb
 - 1. Proponents -Save Lives, Win WWII, Revenge, and Cold War Act
 - 2. Opponents –Murder, Work?, Conventional Bombing, and Possible Japanese Surrender

- III. Domestic Policy
 - A. WWII Problems / Solutions
 - 1. Recession –hard to go from a wartime to domestic economy
 - 2. Integration -Executive Order #9981 (1948) –integration of the armed forces
 - B. Campaign of 1948 –Harry Truman vs. Thomas Dewey (Republican)
 - 1. “Give ‘em Hell, Harry” and the train Whistlestop Campaign
 - 2. “Dewey defeats Truman?”
 - C. Fair Deal –limited success
 - D. The Red Scare
 - 1. The Soviet Atomic Bomb (1949)
 - 2. McCarthyism and the Red Scare (1950 – 1953) -Joseph McCarthy
 - 3. Hydrogen Bomb (1000x) –US (1952) vs. Soviets (1953)
 - 4. Bert the Turtle -Duck and Cover
 - E. Miscellaneous Domestic Events
 - 1. Jackie Robinson (April 15, 1947) –integrated baseball
 - 2. White House Renovations (December 1949 – March 1952)
 - 3. Assassination Attempt (November 1, 1950)
 - 4. 22nd Amendment (1951) –limited President to 2 terms

- IV. Foreign Policy –win World War II
 - A. Post World War II –working with the Russians
 - 1. United Nations established –June 26, 1945
 - 2. German Occupation
 - A. Germany, Austria, and Berlin –split by US, SU, FR, and GB
 - B. The Cold War –the United States vs. the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (1945-1991)
 - 1. Differences –democracy vs. dictatorship, capitalism vs. communism
 - 2. Advantages –US vs. Soviets
 - C. Early Cold War battlegrounds
 - 1. Atomic Bombs –August 6 and 9, 1945
 - A. Japanese Occupation (1945-52) –Douglas MacArthur
 - 2. Eastern Europe and free elections (Poland)
 - A. “Iron Curtain” speech –Winston Churchill (March 5, 1946)
 - B. Major change in foreign policy

- D. Containment Policy –stop the spread of communism
 - 1. Truman Doctrine = containment
 - 2. Marshall Plan (European Recovery Act) = sending aid
 - 3. North Atlantic Treaty Organization -Article V and General Eisenhower
 - 4. National Security Act -created Defense Department, CIA, and NSC
- E. Truman and the Cold War
 - 1. Greece and Turkey –first battleground of the Cold War
 - 2. Israel –recognition May 14, 1948 –11 minutes after Israel declared independence
 - 3. The Berlin Airlift (Operation Vittles) –June 24, 1948 – May 12, 1949
 - A. Gail Halvorsen, the “Candy Bomber,” and Operation Little Vittles
 - 4. China Becomes Communist –October 1, 1949 –Truman lost China
 - A. Mao Zedong –People’s Republic of China (PRC) –“Mainland”
 - B. Chiang Kai-shek –Republic of China (ROC) –Formosa or Taiwan
- F. Korean War (June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953) –The “Forgotten War”
 - 1. Pre-Korean War History –split along the 38th Parallel
 - A. North Korea -Korean People’s Democratic Republic (KPR) –Pyongyang -Kim Il Sung
 - B. South Korea -Republic of Korea (ROK) –Seoul -Syngman Rhee
 - 2. Main cause of the Korean War -imperialism
 - 3. Stages of the Korean War
 - A. North Korean Attack –June 25, 1950 –NK pushed UN to the Pusan perimeter
 - 1. United Nations entered the war led by Douglas MacArthur
 - B. UN Counterattack –Operation Chromite –September 15, 1950
 - 1. Landed at Inchon and pushed out of Pusan –UN up the Yalu River
 - C. China Entered the War –November 27, 1950
 - 1. The Battle of the Chosin Reservoir –“The Chosin Few”
 - 2. President Truman fired General MacArthur –General Matthew Ridgway
 - D. Stalemate “Sitzkrieg” –July 1951 – July 27, 1953
 - E. Results of the Korean War
 - 1. Good Guys –US, South Korea, and the United Nations
 - 2. Bad Guys –North Korea and China
- V. Results and Evaluation of the Truman Presidency
 - A. Map Questions –Asia (7) and Europe (6)

- Assignments
- 1. RQ #1 (10): Truman –Chapter 12, Section 1 (pages 398-405)
 - 2. Homework #1: Truman (15)
 - 3. Test #1 (60): Truman

Section 1: Prompt #1
(Everyone must complete part of this section)

Prompt #1: 5 Person Words or Phrases (5 points)

- * Create 5 words or phrases that represent a person from this chapter. For each word or phrase, state the meaning / definition. Then use that new word or phrase in a sentence.
- * You may use someone from class for one of your words.

For each person word/phrase: state and define the word/phrase and then use the word/phrase in a sentence
 Example: “Lloyding” = driving 1/6 of the way across country in the wrong direction
 -You are lloyding up our vacation because you cannot read a map and now we are going to be late.”

Section 2: Prompts and Projects

- * Complete 2 of the other prompts or activities in this section.

Prompt #2: Compare Truman to the following: (5 points)

- * Compare President Truman to the following: animal, candy, shape, and family member.
- * You may substitute any of the above categories for your own.
- * Then create your own category for a 5th comparison. (You may substitute any above items for your own.)
- * Be sure to provide a brief statement to explain your answer in 1 sentence.

Prompt #3: Truman and E-Harmony (5 points)

- * Create an eHarmony profile for President Truman. State at least 5 personality traits/interests/hobbies that would be considered desirable for a female companion. Then provide a brief explanation to explain why you identified that particular trait/interest/hobby using a specific historical example or event from Truman's life.

Activity #1: President Truman Political Cartoon. (5 points)

- * For your cartoon, draw a cartoon on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper
- * Then write 3-4 sentences describing the meaning of your political cartoon.

Activity #2: Atomic Bomb Art Project (5 points)

- * Create an actual art piece that deals with the atomic bomb.
- * Then write a minimum of 5 sentences to describe the meaning and purpose of atomic bomb art piece.

Activity #3: Awareness Poster. (5 points)

- * "Bert the Turtle" protected kids from a nuclear attack by telling them to "duck and cover." Create your own character and "catch phrase" for a poster about a modern issue that should raise awareness for kids. For the poster,
 - create a cartoon character and catch phrase
 - it may be completed on a regular 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper or larger.

Reminder

You may create your own question to answer or project to design. It must be 5 points of work and it must be cleared by the teacher in advance.

Asia (7)



1. China (PRC)
2. Israel
3. Japan
4. North Korea
5. South Korea
6. Taiwan
7. Turkey

Europe (6)



1. East Germany
2. Great Britain
3. Greece
4. Poland
5. Russia
6. West Germany