

Unit I Outline-Truman

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- I. Harry S. Truman (1945-1953)-Democrat from Independence, Missouri**
 - a. Born-Lamar, Missouri-no college experience, WWI Artillery, Haberdasher, etc...
 - b. Political Career- Judge, Senator, VP, The Accidental President + “The Buck Stops Here”
- II. Atomic Bombs-The Manhattan Project-J. Robert Oppenheimer**
 - a. July 16, 1945-Explosion at Trinity Site-Los Alamos, New Mexico
 - b. July 26, 1945-Potsdam Declaration-“Unconditional Surrender from the Japanese”
 - c. August 6, 1945-Hiroshima-Enola Gay-estimated 140,000 killed
 - d. August 9, 1945-Nagasaki-Boch’s Car-estimated 70,000 killed
 - e. Pros/Cons of the Atomic Bomb
- III. Domestic Policy-“The Fair Deal”**
 - a. Economic Concern-Recession, Unemployment, Inflation after WWII?
 - i. GI Bill of Rights (1944)-Billions for veterans to go to college + bonuses for construction
 - ii. Recession + Demobilization of the armed forces (1945)12 million - (1946) 1.5 million
 - iii. 21 Point Plan-Sept. 6, 1945-Truman’s Plan to convert to a peacetime economy
 - iv. Railway Strikes-Jan. 5, 1946-for 1 month, Truman threatened to draft workers into the army
 - v. Employment Act-Feb. 20 1946-Keynesian Theory, meant to achieve full natl. employment*
 - vi. Emergency Housing Bill-May 22, 1946-govt. constructs 2.5 million homes for vets
 - vii. Republicans gain both houses of Congress-November 5, 1946-Truman’s 21 point plan...
 - viii. Jackie Robinson integrates professional baseball-May 27, 1947-Brooklyn Dodgers
 - ix. Taft-Hartley Act passed- June 23, 1947-restrict the power of labor unions-over Truman veto
 - x. Executive Order #9981-July 30, 1948-Truman orders desegregation of the armed forces
 - xi. The Presidential Election of 1948-November 2, 1948-Dewey, Thurmond, Wallace...
 - xii. Reasons for Postwar Prosperity-Permanent War Economy, Research & Development, Cheap Energy, Increases in Productivity
 - xiii. Increase in Minimum Wage-January 5, 1949-from 40 to 75 cents
 - xiv. Federal Housing Act-July 15, 1949-Billions in insured mortgages & slum clearance.
 - xv. Assassination Attempt-November 1, 1950
 - xvi. Diner’s Club Credit Card Issued (November 7, 1950)-Consumer Debt passes \$100 Billion
 - xvii. 22nd Amendment passed-February 22, 1951-limits the President to 2 full terms
 - b. The Red Scare-Joseph McCarthy and the House Committee for UnAmerican Affairs (HUAC)
 - i. Loyalty Investigations of all Federal Employees-March 21, 1947-308 deemed risks & fired
 - ii. 11 Communists Violate the Smith Act of 1940 (1949)
 - iii. Alger Hiss Case-March 31, 1949-Richard M. Nixon + Whittaker Chambers
 - iv. Joseph McCarthy Speech-Feb. 9, 1950-Wheeling, WV-205 Members of the State Dept...
 - v. McCarran Internal Security Bill-Sept. 23, 1950-arrest + detain suspicious and questionable...
- IV. Foreign Policy**
 - a. UN Established-April 24, 1945-San Francisco, CA
 - b. V-E Day-May 8, 1945
 - c. US Drops Atomic Bombs-August 6 & 9, 1945-Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan
 - d. German Occupation
 - i. Yalta Conference-Germany broken into 4 Occupation Zones
 - ii. Potsdam Conference-Germany is disarmed, NAZI party disbanded, focus on democracy
 - e. Japanese Occupation (1945-1952)-Douglas MacArthur
 - i. Potsdam Declaration-July 26, 1945-ultimatum demanding Japan surrender unconditionally
 - ii. VJ Day-August 14, 1945
 - f. Eastern Europe
 - i. Stalin’s Promise of Free Elections + “Buffer Zone” = Violation of Yalta
 - ii. Iron Curtain Speech-March 5, 1946-Independence, Missouri with Winston Churchill

- g. Containment Policy-George Kennan-Long Telegram-Feb. 22, 1946-Get tough with USSR
 - i. Truman Doctrine-March 12, 1947-It must be the policy of the US to support free peoples...
 - 1. Greece + Turkey-\$400 million found under the Marshall Plan + 1st application of Containment!
 - ii. National Security Act-July 26, 1947-created Dept. of Defense, CIA, NSC
 - iii. Marshall Plan (European Recovery Act)-April 3, 1948
 - iv. NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)-July 12, 1949
 - v. USSR detonates 1st Atomic Bomb-September 23, 1949
 - vi. US Detonates Hydrogen Bomb-November 1, 1952-Enewetak, Marshall Islands
- h. Recognition of Israel-May 14, 1948-Humanitarian, Political, and Containment
- i. Berlin Crisis (June 26, 1948-May 12, 1949)-Operation Vittles
 - i. US, France, Britain unite military zones + create a single currency
- j. Vietnam-July 27, 1950-sent advisors and aid to France to fight communism
- k. China Becomes Communist-October 1, 1949
 - i. Mao Zedong-Communist-People's Republic of China
 - ii. Chiang Kai-shek-Republic of China-Taiwan
- l. Korean War-June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953-The "Forgotten War"
 - i. Korea partitioned at 38th parallel as agreed to at Yalta
 - 1. North-Korean People's Democratic Republic-Kim Il Sung
 - 2. South-Republic of Korea-Syngman Rhee-Princeton, Harvard, etc.
 - ii. Causes of the Korean War
 - 1. NSC-68-(1950) quadruples the defense budget
 - 2. US/USSR Withdrawal from the peninsula
 - 3. Acheson's Defensive Perimeter
 - 4. Stalin's approval of an invasion
 - iii. Stages of the Korean War
 - 1. North Korean Attack-June 25, 1950-UN forces pushed back to Pusan Perimeter
 - 2. UN Counterattack-September 15, 1950
 - a. Operation Chromite-"MacArthur's Daring Move"
 - b. US pushes North back to 38th parallel-Mac's Request...
 - 3. China enters the War-November 1, 1950-US threatens Yalu River border
 - a. China drives Mac back to the 38th...January 1, 1951
 - b. Truman fires MacArthur-April 11, 1951-replaced with Matthew Ridgway
 - 4. Stalemate at the 38th Parallel-July 1951

Independent Practice: Truman (15 points)-Due the Day After the Test!!

You are an advisor to President Truman. It is May of 1948 and the tensions are rising in the Middle East for many reasons namely the formation of Israel as a Jewish nation in the Arab Middle East. You are to argue for/against the recognition of Israel from the perspective of the U.S. at this time of 1948. Identify 3 reasons **why it was or was not a good idea** to ally with Israel. You may use any evidence to support your decision from foreign policy remarks to events within domestic America.

For this assignment you need to accomplish three things:

1. Write a well-organized introductory paragraph for the prompt above finishing it with a well-defined thesis statement that includes the 3 reasons listed above in the prompt. (5 Points)
2. Create a bibliography that correctly cites 3 sources (including the textbook) to use within a paper about this prompt. (5 Points)
3. Identify 3 quotes from the previous sources that would align/agree/reinforce your thesis statement. Make sure to use internal citations at the end of each quote. (5 Points)