

The Cold War Era: Knowledge Check

Demonstrate your understanding of the Cold War by completing the activities below. Read each question carefully.

Part 1: Key Terms Matching

Match the vocabulary term on the left with its correct definition on the right. Write the letter of the correct definition in the space provided.

1. Communism

a)

The invisible divide between East and West Europe.

2. Containment

b)

US policy of providing aid to countries fighting Communism.

3. Iron Curtain

c)

An economic system where the government owns all property and businesses.

4. Truman Doctrine _____

d)

A situation where neither side can win, like in the Korean War.

5. Stalemate

e)

Preventing Communism from spreading to new countries.

Part 2: Multiple Choice

6. What was the main goal of the "Iron Curtain" countries according to the Soviet Union?

a) To encourage tourism to Russia	b) To create a buffer zone for Soviet security	c) To help rebuild the European economy	d) To promote free elections in Poland
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7. Which two countries were the first to receive aid under the Truman Doctrine to prevent a Communist takeover?

a) France and Britain	b) Greece and Turkey	c) North and South Korea	d) Cuba and Florida
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8. Where did the Korean War end in a stalemate?

a) The Iron Curtain	b) The Berlin Wall	c) 90 miles from Florida	d) The 38th Parallel
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Part 3: Short Answer Applications



9. True or False: The Cold War was called "cold" because it was primarily fought through direct military battles and traditional warfare between the United States and the Soviet Union.

10. Which of the following best describes the difference between the **Free World** and **Communism** regarding individual rights?

- A. The Free World allows private property and personal freedoms, while Communism features state control and limited rights.
- B. The Free World requires government permission to travel, while Communism encourages global migration.
- C. Communism protects freedom of religion and speech, while the Free World restricts them to ensure safety.
- D. Both systems give individuals the same rights, but they disagree on which leader should be in charge.

Answers

- 1. c
- 2. e
- 3. a
- 4. b
- 5. d

b

b

d

10. A. The Free World allows private property and personal freedoms, while Communism features state control and limited rights.

The primary danger was a global nuclear war, as it was the closest the world ever came to one. The leaders were US President John F. Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

