

## 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

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a)

The invisible divide between East and West Europe.

2.

Containment

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b)

US policy of providing aid to countries fighting Communism.

3. Iron Curtain

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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

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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?

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| 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.