

How effectively did the USA contain the spread of Communism?

Explain the Who, What, Where, When, and Why involved for each question. Create a memory word to remember the main ideas for each question

1. America and events in Korea, 1950–53. Memory Word=_____

Who was involved in the events in Korea, 1950-53 (Key military commanders, political leaders, etc):

What events occurred during America's time in Korea, 1950-53:

Where did major events occur throughout America's time in Korea, 1950-53:

When did major events occur during America's time in Korea, 1950-53 (Timeline or sequence of events):

Why did America become involved in Korea, 1950-53 (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

2. America and events in Cuba, 1959–62. Memory Word=_____

Who was involved in the events in Cuba, 1959-62 (Key military commanders, political leaders, etc):

What events occurred during America's involvement in Cuba, 1959-62:

Where did major events occur throughout America's involvement in Cuba, 1959-62:

When did major events occur during America's involvement in Cuba, 1959-62 (Timeline or sequence of events):

Why did America become involved in Cuba, 1959-62 (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

3. American involvement in Vietnam. Memory Word=_____

Who was involved in the events in Vietnam (Key military commanders, political leaders, etc):

What events occurred during America's time in Vietnam:

Where did major events occur throughout America's time in Vietnam:

When did major events occur during America's time in Vietnam (Timeline or sequence of events):

Why did America become involved in Vietnam (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

Sample Exam Questions

1. The USA's policy of containment was tested in Vietnam.

(a) What was the 'domino effect' in relation to Vietnam? [4]

(b) Why did Nixon find it difficult to withdraw from Vietnam? [6]

(c) 'In Vietnam, Kennedy was more successful than Johnson.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

2. Look at the photograph, and then answer the questions which follow.



A photograph of Cubans celebrating the capture of a landing craft at the Bay of Pigs, 1961.

(a) Describe the key features of the Bay of Pigs incident. [5]

(b) Why did Kennedy decide to blockade Cuba? [7]

(c) 'There was not a winner in the Cuban Missile Crisis.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [8]

3. Read the extract, and then answer the questions which follow.

Much of the evidence tends to support the view that, despite the many unpredictable elements in the decision-making process, in crucial instances the leaders on both sides chose courses of action which were both non-provocative and allowed room for retreat from exposed positions.

A historian writing in 2000 about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

(a) What options were available to Kennedy to force the removal of missile sites on Cuba? [5]

(b) Explain why the Soviet Union placed missiles on Cuba. [7]

(c) How great a threat was the Cuban Missile Crisis to world peace? Explain your answer. [8]