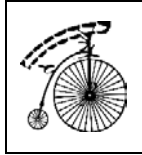


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***The Policy of Containment: The Truman Policy and Containment***

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*Read the paragraph below. Then, on your own paper, answer the four questions that follow.*

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In 1947, American President Harry S Truman announced a new American foreign policy. The Truman Doctrine recognized democracy and communism as incompatible philosophies and ways of life. It suggested a goal of limited, or containing, communism by opposing its spread to additional countries and by encouraging democracy everywhere.

Soviet leaders recognized the same incompatibility and had a similar policy, only in reverse. Later formulated as the Brezhnev Doctrine, the policy aimed to limit democracy by spreading communism in other countries and by opposing counter-revolution in countries that were already communist.

Both countries saw their intervention in other nations' affairs as a response to a call for help in maintaining or establishing a desirable way of life.

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*Answer the following questions: Remember that you must write and highlight the question first, then answer the question. Skip lines between questions. Dark blue/black ink or pencil are both acceptable. Try to write on one side of the paper, please.*

*This material can be found on pages 875 to 878 in your textbook. You can, and should, refer to the Internet or other written sources.*

1. What was a major advantage of the containment policy?
2. How did such a policy foster a Cold War?
3. What was the major danger of the policy?
4. Review the information in your textbook and/or the Internet about the following historical events. They apply the policy of containment to each of them.
  - a. The Marshall Plan
  - b. NATO
  - c. The Berlin Airlift
  - d. The Berlin Wall