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**UNIT VIII (1945-1980) Ch. 26 Student Outline - TRUMAN AND THE COLD WAR**

**Summarize, do not quote exact wording:**

1. Explain why the American economy did not suffer the same fate that it had after the post WWI boom that led to the Great Depression when WWII ended -
2. Explain how the **GI Bill** attributed to the US achieving the highest standard of living enjoyed in history -
3. Describe what is meant by the term "**baby boom**" -
4. Describe the factors that led to the growth of the **suburbs (shout out to Weston!)** during the 1950s -
  - a. Describe the effect this had on urban environments -
5. Describe how the population shift from the northern states to the **sunbelt states** changed the political power of the sunbelt -
6. Describe how each of the following illustrates a roadblock for President Truman's attempts to continue New Deal policies:
  - a. **Employment Act of 1946** -
  - b. **Inflation and strikes** -
  - c. **Civil Rights** -
  - d. **The election of the Eightieth Congress** -
  - e. **Taft-Hartley Act** -

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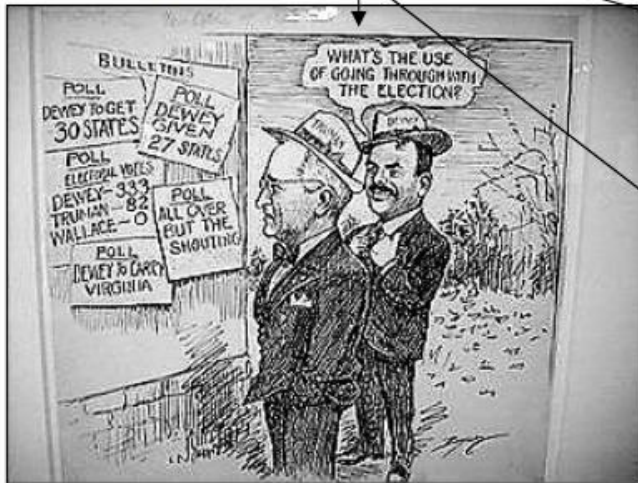
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7. Explain why the **democratic party** fractioned off in the election of 1948. Identify the main candidates for both the democrats and republican parties -

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- a. Candidates
- b. Surprising results



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| <b>Nominee</b>        | Harry S. Truman  | Thomas E. Dewey | Strom Thurmond                              |
| <b>Party</b>          | Democratic       | Republican      | States' Rights Democratic Party (Dixiecrat) |
| <b>Home state</b>     | Missouri         | New York        | South Carolina                              |
| <b>Running mate</b>   | Alben W. Barkley | Earl Warren     | Fielding L. Wright                          |
| <b>Electoral vote</b> | 303              | 189             | 39  |

c. Who were the Dixiecrats, and what is significance about this party?

d. Why did so many people think Dewey won this election?

e. What were "Give em Hell Harry!" speeches? What was purpose?



8. Describe how **Truman's Fair Deal** programs reflected much of the philosophy behind the New Deal programs that came before them -

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Read the excerpt from Truman's inaugural address and then answer the question that follows regarding the Point Four program described.

"It may be our lot to experience... a major turning point in the long history of the human race. The first half of this century has been marked by unprecedented and brutal attacks on the rights of man, and by the two most frightful wars in history. The supreme need of our time is for men to learn to live together in peace and harmony... we must embark on a bold new program for making the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of underdeveloped areas. More than half the people of the world are living in conditions approaching misery. Their food is inadequate. They are victims of disease. Their economic life is primitive and stagnant. Their poverty is a handicap and a threat both to them and to more prosperous areas. For the first time in history, humanity possesses the knowledge and skill to relieve suffering of these people. The United States is pre-eminent among nations in the development of industrial and scientific techniques. The material resources which we can afford to use for assistance of other peoples are limited. But our imponderable resources in technical knowledge are constantly growing and are inexhaustible..."

How did Point Four redefine the purpose of the United States and its government?

To what extent is this policy a continuation of the Puritan ideal of "City on a Hill" (or of American Exceptionalism)?

9. Define the **Cold War** –
  
10. Describe the long-term causes that attributed to the distrustful and hostile relationship between the US and the **Soviet Union** -
  
11. Describe the purpose of the following entities:
  - a. *The UN Security Council* –
  
  - b. *World Bank* –
  
12. Describe how the Soviet "takeover" of Eastern European states undermined multi-national agreements made during WWII -
  
13. Describe the differences in the ways Germany was dealt with after the war was over –
  
14. Describe what was meant by the eternal words expressed by PM Winston Churchill that "**an iron curtain has descended across the continent.**"
  
15. Describe each of the following as reactions to the spread of communism:
  - a. *The Truman Doctrine* –
  
  - b. *The Marshall Plan* –

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c. *The Berlin Airlift* -

d. *US joining NATO* -

e. *National Security Act* -

f. *Arms race* -

16. Describe the relationship between the US and each of the following during the Cold War:

a. **Japan** -

b. **The Philippines** -

c. **China (focus on the "loss of China")** -

17. Describe the context for US involvement in the **Korean War**.

18. Why did Truman fire **MacArthur**?

19. Describe how the Korean War ended and the political consequences for Truman and the Democratic Party.

20. Describe how each of the following illustrate the **Second Red Scare**:

a. *The Smith Act* -

b. *McCarran Internal Security Act* -

c. *HUAC* -

d. *Hiss Case* -

e. *Rosenberg Case* -

f. *McCarthyism* -

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Please answer Short Answer #3 in the space below:

Write your answer to SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION 3 or 4 on this page only. Do NOT write outside the box.

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