

History 11
Colvin

The Cold War (or 20th century world wars, part iii)

- Tues 11/30/C Introduction:** Handout from Timothy Snyder: "If Europe was ... a dark continent, Ukraine and Belarus were the heart of darkness." Holocaust and *Vernichtungskrieg*.
- 1.) **Wed 12/1/D Tindall, 933 – 938.** Handout on results of WW II. "The Communist threat." Truman and "Containment."
 - 2.) **Thur 12/2/E McWilliams, 24-5 ("U.S. and USSR at War's End"), 31-6.** The Yalta Conference, Poland, and the "Lessons of Munich"
 - 3.) **Frid 12/3/ F McWilliams, 43-7.** Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan.
 - 4.) **Mon 12/6/G RTAP, 213-26.** On conflicting historical views on origins of Cold War: Schlesinger (the "Orthodox") vs. Patterson (the "revisionist") Take notes on major ways in which these two authors disagree.
 - 5.) **Tues 12/7/A RAP, 227-35.** Stalin and Kennan's Response
-note simply what was potentially distressing to the U.S. about Stalin's speech.
-underlining for Kennan, and provide written notes on the following questions:
 - a) does Kennan's assessment make sense in terms of its influence on Truman's Doctrine?
 - b) If you were Pres., what would you take to be the most important information from the telegram?
 - 6.) **Wed 12/8/B McWilliams, 54-63** (up to "The first test" near top of page). Chinese Revolution and origins of Korean War
 - 7.) **Thur 12/9/C McWilliams, 179-80** (up to "Khrushchev") and **pp. 353** (from "Mao's Quest") **to 357** (up to "Deng's Modernization"). In these readings, concentrate on:
 - the significant problems Mao and Stalin faced in making their countries great and powerful.
 - the ways they tried to transform their countries.
 - what the consequences of those transformations were.Important terms: 5-year plans (both USSR and PRC), Great Leap Forward, and the Great Cultural Revolution.
 - 8.) **Frid 12/10/D McWilliams, 63** (from "The first test")-**73** on the Korean War and its results.
 - 9.) **Mon 12/13/E RTAP, 245-9** on NSC-68 (don't take detailed notes but provide **written** answers to questions #3 and #4 at the end of this reading); **T/S, pp. 1039** ("Another Red Scare")-**1042** (up to "Assessing the Cold War") **and pp. 1077** "Dulles and Foreign Policy")-**1079** (up to "Indochina").
 - 10.) **Tues 12/14/F** Catch up.
 - 11.) **Wed 12/15/G** Review.
 - 12.) **Thur 12/16/A TEST.**