



American Government Summer Assignment 2021-2022 School Year

Directions: Complete the attached assignment.

Students should working **ON THEIR OWN** to complete this assignment. Any collaboration with another student, copying etc. will result in a “0” on the assignment and a report in your official student files. To be submitted on the first day of classes.

Cold War Web Quest

Directions: Using the links provided, answer the sets of questions below in a Google document and in MLA format.

Answer using complete sentences, proper English, grammar, spelling, usage, capitalization, and punctuation.

Early Cold War Years: An Overview

<http://www.nationalcoldwarerexhibition.org/timeline/>

1. What takes place on February 4, 1945?
2. Briefly describe the famous speech given by Winston Churchill on March 16, 1946.
3. What treaty organization was created on April 4, 1949? What is their mission/goal?
4. What takes place on June 30, 1950?
5. What pact was created in May 1955?
6. Discuss the launch in October 1957.
7. What crisis takes place in 1962?
8. What happened on March 8, 1965?
9. Who is the first man to land on the moon in 1969?
10. What war ended in 1975?

Iron Curtain:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2PUIQpAFAQ>

11. How did the opposing sides use propaganda to gain support in their country?
12. What term did Churchill use to explain the separation of Europe and WHY did he use this term?
13. Why was the United States concerned about European countries?

The Marshall Plan

<http://www.marshallfoundation.org/TheMarshallPlan.htm>

11. How many countries were assisted under the Marshall Plan?

12. What was the primary goal of the Marshall Plan?

Korean Conflict

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxaegqyl4aE>

13. Who were the nations involved on each side of the conflict?
14. How did the war end?
15. What was the total number of Americans killed in the Korean conflict?

NASA

<http://history.nasa.gov/sputnik/>

16. What was Sputnik?
17. Why were Americans fearful about the launching of Sputnik?

The Berlin Wall (videos included)

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/62202/Berlin-Wall>

18. Describe the purpose of the Berlin Wall.
19. When and why did the wall eventually come down?
20. How many people were killed trying to cross over the wall?

Cuban Missile Crisis

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/JFK/JFK-in-History/Cuban-Missile-Crisis.aspx>

21. Why did the Cuban Missile Crisis occur? For how long did the Cuban Missile Crisis last?
22. How did the US learn about the missiles being in Cuba?
23. Summarize how the Crisis ended.

Vietnam War

<http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/exhibition/flash.html> - Click on "Vietnam War" then "Begin."

24. What were the years of the Vietnam War?
25. How many American died in the war?

Click "enter exhibit" and answer these questions:

26. Who led North Vietnam?

27. What side was the United States on?

Click on "When Will it Ever End" near the bottom and answer these questions:

28. What was happening in America on the home-front as the War dragged on?

29. What did the US do in 1973? What happened in 1975?

End of Cold War

<https://history.state.gov/departmenthistory/short-history/berlinwall>

30. What occurred on November 9, 1989?

31. Describe Germany as of October 1990.

32. What happened on December 25, 1991?

33. What were the Strategic Arms Reduction negotiations?