



The United States of America

Week 12



United Nations

Questions

Do you have any questions from your reading assignment?



1941



2001

Discussion Question

What similarities and differences are there between the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (1941) and the terrorist attack on the WTC (2001)?

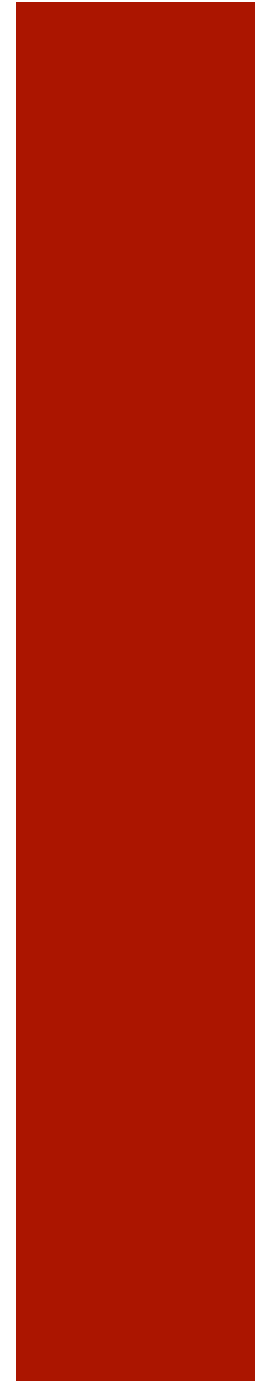
Explain how these events have impacted US Foreign policy.



1983

The United States

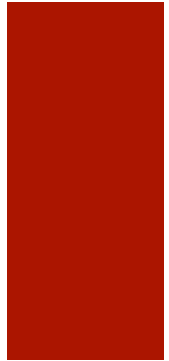
(Post WWII American Foreign Policy – unit 12)



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Pax Americana



Post-WWII

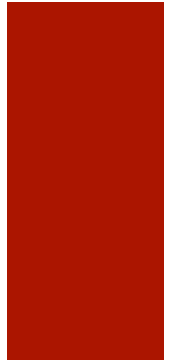
Pax Americana is primarily used to describe the peace established after the end of World War II in 1945. The historical concept of 'relative peace' in the Western hemisphere and, later, the Western world, is the result of the power enjoyed by the United States of America at that point in history.

- Other historical uses;
 - At the end of the U.S. Civil War
 - Between WWI & WWII
- Inspired by;
 - "Pax Romana" – Roman Empire
 - "Pax Britannica" – British Empire

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Truman Doctrine



1945 - 1991

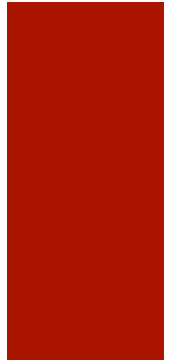
- “containment” of U.S.S.R.
- “The Cold War”
- Korean War
 - (1950-1953)
- Vietnam War
 - (1959-1975)



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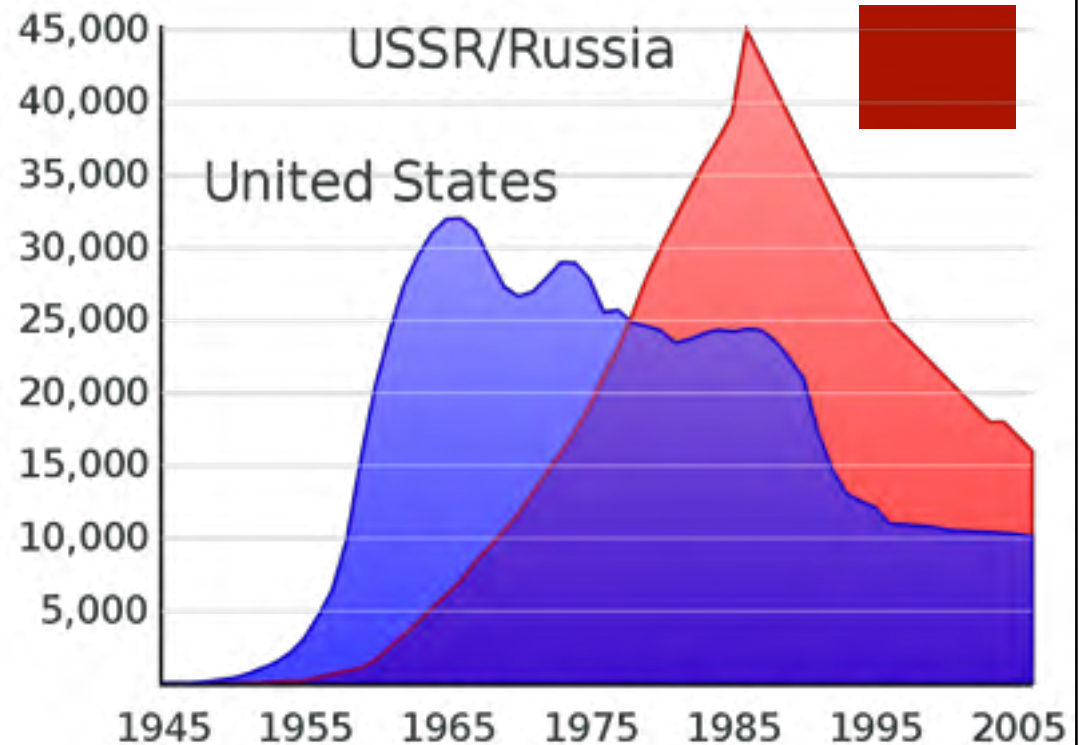
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Nuclear Arms Race

U.S. vs. U.S.S.R.

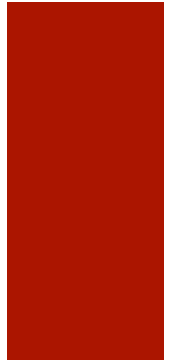
- 1949 U.S.S.R. broke U.S. nuclear monopoly
- 1952 *H-Bomb tested*
- 1957 *Sputnick*
- “*massive retaliation*”
- *MAD*
 - “*mutual assured destruction*”
- NATO / Warsaw Pact



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Strategic Defense Initiative – “Star Wars”



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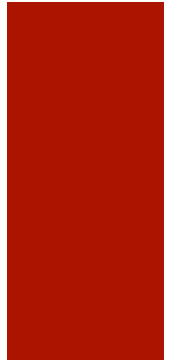
- Ronald Reagan
- “MAD”
- Strategic Defense
- “Star Wars”
- many critics
- ABM Treaty



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Cuban Missile Crisis



1962

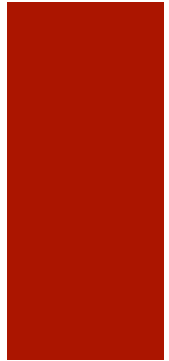
- Fidel Castro
- President J.F. Kennedy
- Bay of Pigs
- U-2 Spy Plane
- “blockade”



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Berlin Wall

1961 - 1989

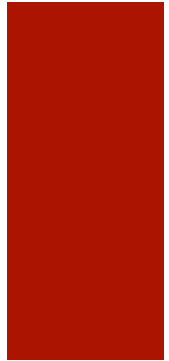
- East / West
- People fled East Berlin
- Symbol of Cold War



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Bush Doctrine

2001

- Withdraw from ABM
- Afghanistan
- Iraq
- “Preemption”
 - Strike threats before they strike the U.S.
- “Unilateral”
 - U.N. Approval is not necessary
- Term is not ‘official’, used primarily by critics



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