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**World History Crash Course Video Questions**

***Week of May 25th***

**World History Episode 39 – USA vs. USSR Fight! The Cold War**

1. How was the Cold War seen as ideological?
2. How did the Americans and Soviets view each other’s involvement in Europe?
3. What did war include the possibility of now in the Cold War that frightened more people?
4. What was the idea of the Iron Curtain?
5. What happened to Germany and Berlin following World War II and what happened in the Berlin Blockade and Berlin Airlift?
6. What did the Marshall Plan do and what was its purpose?
7. Explain the concept of Mutually Assured Destruction.
8. Explain the idea of the domino theory and where major conflicts occurred because of it.
9. How was the U.S. involved in Afghanistan against the Soviet Union?
10. What did the U.S. do in places like Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and other locations throughout Latin America?
11. What did the CIA do in Iran and Chile in the 1950’s and what the Soviet Union doing at the same time in Hungary and Czechoslovakia?
12. Give a description of the First World, Second World, and Third World.
13. How were the Soviets successful in space?
14. Ultimately, for what reasons did the state-run economies like the Soviet Union not fare very well and what factors added to their fall?
15. How did the Soviet Union change under Mikhail Gorbachev?

**European History Episode 41 – Post-War Rebuilding and the Cold War**

1. What decisions came out of the Yalta Conference?
2. What decisions came out of the Potsdam Agreement?
3. What was the purpose of the United Nations?
4. What is the significance of the veto power of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council?
5. What were some of the ideas included in the UN’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
6. What helped the U.S. become the wealthiest country in the world following World War II?
7. How was the Soviet Union suffering following World War II but what strengths did they also have?
8. What was supposed to be the agreement between East and West Germany about what production they focused on?
9. What were some reasons there was popular support for communist movements in Europe?
10. What was built sometime after the Berlin Airlift that showed more of the divide in Berlin and Germany?
11. What advancements were made by the Soviet Union in weaponry and space?
12. What two international alliances were formed in the 1940’s/1950’s that showed more of the split between the U.S. and Soviet Union?
13. What were some of the ways that the Cold War conflict was being reflected in the lives of ordinary people in each country?
14. Explain the significance of fear throughout the Cold War (focus on any area of the conflict).
15. What were some of the locations where the Cold War actually did turn “hot” with military conflicts?

**U.S. History Episode 38 – The Cold War in Asia**

1. What are some of the significant features mentioned about the Korean War?
2. Who were the leaders of North and South Korea prior to U.S. involvement and what prompted the U.S. to get involved?
3. Why is the Korean War referred to as a police action officially instead of a war?
4. What was the result of the U.S. scorched earth policy in Korea and what was the impact on Koreans?
5. How did the Korean War display an enhancement of executive power regarding military intervention?
6. What was Ho Chi Minh’s main argument/frustration against the French?
7. How did the domino theory apply to Ho Chi Minh and Vietnam and how did that impact America’s view of the conflict?
8. Why did the U.S. ultimately help the French in Vietnam and how did their presence in Vietnam start as they began supporting Ngo Dinh Diem?
9. What was the Gulf of Tonkin incident, what did it result in, and why is it controversial?
10. What was Operation Rolling Thunder and what was the credibility gap that developed?
11. What factors were prolonging the war?
12. How was the war impacting people even within the United States?
13. What were the two parts of President Nixon’s plan to end the Vietnam War?
14. What did the Pentagon Papers, War Powers Act, and 1973 Paris Peace Accords result in?
15. What are some of the significant lessons that came out of the Vietnam War?