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History 332

**THE GLOBAL DIPLOMACY OF THE COLD WAR
AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY**

- 6 September **Introduction:**
The Course and Themes of the Cold War
- 8 September **America, China, and Russia in the World:**
The Historical and International Setting

Readings:
Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. vii-4.

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- 11 September **The Bolshevik Revolution & Western Response:**
Wilson versus Lenin, 1917-1918
- 13 September **A Temporary Withdrawal from the World:**
Isolationism in East and West
- 15 September **Facing a Common Threat:**
Hitler and Nazi Germany, 1933-1941

Readings:
Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 5-11.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. xiii-17.
"Secret Texts of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Non-Aggression Pact, 1939," found on the website for the Cold War International History Project at <http://cwihip.si.edu> (under Virtual Archive, Cold War Origins)

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- 18 September **Allies Together:** The "Grand Alliance" in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific After Pearl Harbor, 1941-1944
- 20 September **Allies Together?:** The Problem of the Second Front and Yalta with Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin, 1941-1945
- 22 September **The Lack of a Common Enemy and an Uncertain Future:** The Creation of the United Nations, and the Potsdam Conference, 1945

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 11-25.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 17-33.

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- 25 September **The Advent of the Atomic Age in War and Diplomacy:** Truman's Decision to Drop the Bomb on Japan, 1945
- 27 September **The Cold War in Europe:**
The Emergence of an "Iron Curtain," 1945-1946
- 29 September **America's Truman Doctrine, Containment, and Marshall Plan:** Truman, Kennan, and Marshall, 1946-1947

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 26-53.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 33-67.

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- 2 October **Cold War Bipolarization Completed:**
Two Germanies and NATO, 1948-1949
- 4 October **From a European to a Global Struggle:**
The Communist Revolution in China, the Outbreak of the Korean War, and NSC-68, 1949-1950
- 6 October **McCarthyism and Cold War Hysteria:**
The Case of the American "China Hands"

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 54-84 and 113-151.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 68-117.
Lauren, "Introduction," in The China Hands' Legacy, pp. 1-32 (on Reserve).

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- 9 October **The Cold War in Asia and the Pacific:**
New Zealand, Australia, Japan, and the Philippines in Military Alliances, 1951-1955
- 11 October **The "New Look" Around the World:**
Eisenhower, Dulles, and Khrushchev
- 13 October **New Nationalism and Global Confrontation:**
The Superpowers Compete in Indochina, Africa, and Latin America

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 85-112.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 118-123.
Lauren, "The U.S.-Japanese Relationship," in Destinies Shared, pp. 17-25 (on Reserve).

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16 October **An Attempted Escape from the Cold War:
The Emergence of the "Third World" and the
Non-Aligned Movement and China at Bandung**

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 152-188.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 123-127.

18 October Discussion for Preparation

20 October **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

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23 October Discussion for Assessment

25 October **The Influence of the Cold War Upon American
Domestic Policy: Human Rights and Racial
Equality**

27 October **Breaking of the Blocs:
The Suez Crisis, Hungarian Crisis, and Sino-
Soviet Split, 1956-1960**

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 189-220.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 127-158.
Lauren, "Making a New Beginning," in Power and Prejudice,
pp. 197-209 (on Reserve).

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30 October **The Symbol of the Cold War:
"The Wall" in Berlin**

1 November **"Eyeball-to-Eyeball" at the Brink:
The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962**

3 November **Diplomacy & Mutual Assured Destruction: "MAD"**

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 221-280.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 159-180.
Kennedy, Thirteen Days: Memoir, all

6 November **Diplomacy and Covert Action in the Cold War:
The CIA Versus the KGB**

8 November **The "Paradox of Impotent Power":
The United States in Vietnam, 1962-1974**

10 November **Holiday**

Readings:

Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 181-201.
"Spy vs. Spy," found on the website of the Cold War
International History Project at <http://cwihp.si.edu>
(under Virtual Archive, Intelligence)

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13 November **The Soviets Invade Eastern Europe:
The Czechoslovakian Invasion, 1968**

15 November **The United States and China:
Nixon, Kissinger, and Détente, 1970-1972**

17 November **The United States, the Soviet Union, and
the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks I:
Nixon, Kissinger, and Détente, 1972-1975**

Readings:

Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 202-228.

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20 November **Changing the Cold War in Africa and the
Middle East**

22 November **Holiday**

24 November **Holiday**

Readings:

Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 228-240.

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27 November **"On the Same Earth":
Carter, the Arms Race, and the Cold War**

29 November **A Dangerous Escalation:
The Soviets Invade Afghanistan, 1979-1980**

1 December **The "Evil Empire" and "Star Wars":
Reagan and the Soviet Union, 1980-1984**

Readings:

Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 240-270.
Oberdorfer, From the Cold War to a New Era, pp. 15-105.

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4 December **Nuclear Free:**
 "The New Zealand Way" and the *Rainbow Warrior*
 Affair, 1984-1985

6 December **Gorbachev and the Revolution of 1989:**
 Gorbachev Launches a Revolution, 1985-1989

8 December **The End in Sight:**
 Irreversible Upheavals, 1989-1991

Readings:

Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 271-307.
Oberdorfer, From the Cold War to a New Era, pp. 107-386.

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11 December **The Death Blow to the Cold War:**
 Bush, Gorbachev, and Yeltsin

13 December **Toward the Future:**
 Who Won the Cold War and Why? and Now What
 About Putin?

15 December Discussion for Preparation

Readings:

Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 281-295.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 309-314.
Oberdorfer, From the Cold War to a New Era, pp. 387-481.

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21 December **FINAL EXAMINATION 1:10-3:10 pm**

(This comprehensive examination is designed as
a two-hour final, but an additional hour will
be provided for those who wish to have more
time to write.)