Postwar Challenges (1945-1950) **Name_____ Period_____**

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As you read each section, answer the questions in the space provided.

1. What did news anchor, Tom Brokaw, call the Americans who lived during WWII?

2. During WWII, the United States and the Soviet Union were allies. What happened to this relationship after WWII?

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3. What was the "Red Scare"?

4. Give some reasons why many Americans did not trust the Soviet Union.

5. What happened to Germany after WWII?

6. What warning was issued by former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in 1946?

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7. The United Nations was created at the end of WWII. What was the role of the Security Council?

8. Explain the function of the General Assembly.

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9. List the countries under the control of the Soviet Union by the fall of 1945.

10. Explain the “Truman Doctrine.”

11. Explain the key elements of the Marshall Plan.

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12. What happened to the city of Berlin after WWII?

13. What was Truman’s response to the Soviet Union’s aggressive behavior in Berlin?

14. What nations joined NATO in the years after WWII? What did the member nations of NATO pledge to one another?

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15. What happened to the Korean peninsula after WWII? Who supported the North? Who supported the South?

16. What led to the Korean War?

17. Why was President Truman hesitant to directly attack the Chinese and escalate the Korean War?

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18. What did the sign on President Truman’s desk read?

19. What did the GI Bill of Rights do?

20. Explain how the military was reorganized in the years after WWII.

21. What was the Central Intelligence Agency?

22. All the political experts predicted that Harry Truman would lose the election of 1948, yet he won! Describe the campaign that he ran in 1948.

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