***The Cold War Study Guide***

***U.S. History***

***Name: KEY Period: Date:***

1. Define: ***Arms Race***

**Competition between countries to gain an advantage in weapons.**

2. After World War II, what organization was formed on the basis of the ***Atlantic Charter***?

The United Nations

3. Define: ***Containment***

U.S. policy designed to stop the spread of communism.

4. Define: ***Brinkmanship***

A strategy that involves countries getting to the verge of war without actually going to war.

5. How was ***Korea*** divided at the end of World War II?

Divided in half at the 38th parallel; Soviet Union helped rebuild the North, and influenced a

communist government. The U.S. helped rebuild the south and supported democracy.

6. Describe the events that led up to the ***Korean War***.

Chinese civil war installed Communist regime there, which in turn influenced the communist movement

-+in the north; the North invaded the South; the U.S. and United Nations came to aid of South Korea

7. Describe: ***Berlin Airlift***

Truman’s response to Stalin’s blockade of Berlin; yearlong relief effort to supply West Berlin

with food and medical supplies.

8. In response to the formation of ***NATO***, the ***Soviet Union formed*** the Warsaw Pact.

9. Describe the resolution of the ***Korean War***.

The United Nations/U.S. forces invaded the peninsula at Inchon and forced the North back to the Yalu

River; Congress declined to invade China, so a cease fire was called and the peninsula divided again

at the 38th parallel.

10. Define: ***Cold War***

Period of tensions following World War II between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

11. Who did ***The United Nations*** support in the ***Korean War***?

South Korea

12. What impact did ***Joseph McCarthy*** have on American society?

He encouraged fear and distrust of communists; he also exposed high ranking U.S. officials as

communists.

13. What roles were most ***American women*** expected to fulfill in the 1950s?

Wife, mother, homemaker

14. How did ***Television*** helped encourage economic growth during the 1950s?

New medium for advertisement.

15. What couple was executed for selling ***atomic secrets*** to the Soviets?

The Rosenberg’s

16. What earlier presidential policies did ***The Truman Doctrine*** expanded on?

The Monroe Doctrine and Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine

17. What ***two countries*** was The Truman Doctrine was originally designed to help?

Greece & Turkey

18. Explain ***The Marshall Plan***.

Economic Aid to rebuild Western Europe after WW II. Designed to build allies in Europe.

19. What purpose did the ***Berlin Wall*** serve?

Prevent people from escaping from East Germany into Western Europe

20. Define: ***Iron Curtain***

Coined by Churchill; dividing line between communism and democracy in Europe.

21. How did many people escape from ***East Germany*** after the Soviet Union took over?

By travelling to West Berlin and flying out to Western Europe.

22. List four ***new inventions or innovations*** that occurred during the 1950s.

Polio vaccine, computers, television, highway system, satellite technology

23. What type of ***computer technology*** was available in the 1950s?

Supercomputers housed in large rooms; available only to the government and some

universities.

24. Define: ***NATO***

Mutual defense organization between the U.S. and Western Europe

25. What was the most ***popular music genre*** of the 1950s?

Rock n’ Roll

26. What types of things were ***ads*** in the 1950s appealing to?

Values, stereotypes, logic

27. What was significant about ***Levittown***?

It was the first planned suburb community (built after WW II)

28. Define: ***United Nations***

Peacekeeping organization designed to prevent future wars. Founded by the Atlantic

Charter after WW II.