**Chapters 33-35: Cold War**

I. Superpowers Face Off

* Within weeks of the end of WWII leaders in the military warned that WW III may be right around the corner
* United States and Soviet Union are the two superpowers after WW II – Fragile alliance during WW II was designed to take out Hitler
* Former allies become bitter rivals
* **Joseph Stalin –**

A. Iron Curtain

* **Yalta Conference –**
* Decided to divide Germany into zones
* **East Germany –**
* **West Germany –**
* **Iron Curtain –**
* **Containment –**

B. Foreign Aid

* **Truman Doctrine –**
* America would become the policemen of the world
* **Marshall Plan –**

C. World Divided

* **Cold War –**
* **NATO –**
* **Warsaw Pact –**
* **Berlin Wall –**

D. Threat of Nuclear War

* **1949 –** The Soviet Union exploded its own atomic bomb
* President Truman orders testing on more powerful weapons
* **1952 –** United States explodes the world’s first H-bomb
* 867 time more powerful than an A-bomb
* **1953 –** Soviet Union explodes its first H-bomb
* **Brinkmanship –**
* Results in a costly arms race between U.S. and U.S.S.R. for 40 years
* **1960s –** 20% of US GDP and 40% of Soviet GDP was spend on the military
* Stockpiling of nuclear weapons
* Soviets – 45,000
* US – 32,000
* Many historians believe that this arms raced helped prevent another world war
* **Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD)**