Cold War and Harry Truman, 1945-1952

Truman's First Term, April 1945

Policies
- Pro-New Deal: 21 points
- Rapid demobilization

Economy
- Rapid Growth
- The Servicemen's Readjustment Act, 1944 (GI Bill)
- Concerns about Inflation
- Demands for higher wages
- Rising Prices

Congressional Election of 1946
- "To err is Truman"

Republican Congress

Bipartisan Cooperation
- National Security Act, 1947
- Presidential Succession Act, 1947
- 22nd Amendment, 1951

Foreign Policy
- United Nations
- Relations with the Soviets – The Cold War
  - Eastern Europe
  - Containment
  - Origins
- George Kennan
  - Truman Doctrine

- Examples
  - Greece, 1946
  - Western Europe, c. 1947
    - Marshall Plan
  - West Germany
    - Berlin Airlift
  - NATO
    - Warsaw Pact, created in c. 1954

- Israel

- Race
  - Jackie Robinson
  - 1946 Georgia Lynching

- 1948 Election
  - Republicans
    - Thomas Dewey
  - Democrats
    - Truman's Campaign

- Divisions in the Democratic Party
  - Southern Desertion
    - Why
      - President's Committee on Civil Rights, 1946
    - 1948 State of the Union
    - Executive order, July 1948
Hubert Humphrey’s speech
  - State’s Rights Democrats AKA Dixiecrats, July 1948
  - Strom Thurmond
    - Left Wing Desertion, July 1948
      - Henry Wallace to a Progressive Ticket
  - Truman’s counter offensive
    - Whistle Stop Tour
      - “Give ‘em hell Harry”

Results
- Biggest upset in American history

Truman’s Second Term, 1949-1952
- Domestic Policy
  - Fair Deal
- Foreign Policy
  - Four Points
  - Challenges
    - China
    - Vietnam, 1950
    - Russian Bomb, 1949
      - H-Bombs, 1950
    - Korean War
      - 38th Parallel
      - General MacArthur
Landing at Inchon, Sept 1950

- Pressed the North back to the 38th parallel

China gets involved, Oct 1950

Stalemate

push toward the 38th parallel

Truman fired MacArthur

Red Scares

Origins

- House Committee on Un-American Activities, 1938

- Executive Order 9835, March 1947

Accusations

- Hollywood Ten, c. 1947

- Alger Hiss, 1948

- Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, 1950

Exploitation of Fear

- Senator Joseph McCarthy, Feb 1950

- McCarran Internal Security Act, 1950

Lavender Scares

- McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act