

PART I: IDENTIFICATIONS

ONE of THESE will be selected for you to answer. Four points.

Answers should identify the person, group, place, concept, theory, event, or item in several paragraphs. Answers should include a description as well as an assessment of the significance of the term to this class. In other words, why are we studying it? How is it relevant to the history of American foreign relations? (NOTE: Significance MUST be included in order to receive full credit.) When formulating your answers think in terms of what, who, why, where, when, and how.

Truman Doctrine
Atlantic Charter
Chiang Kai-shek
38th Parallel
NSC-68
Potsdam Conference

Hiroshima
Berlin Blockade
General Douglas MacArthur
Marshall Plan
Four Freedoms
NATO

PART II: ESSAY QUESTION

ONE of THESE will be selected for you to answer. Six points.

These questions are provided in advance so you can prepare yourself as thoroughly as possible to write coherent essays. The best essays will integrate substantial material from the lectures and the readings and demonstrate your ability to explain the important processes at work. Think in terms of concepts, patterns of behavior, divergent worldviews and perspectives, and the ways that particular historical experiences can help you demonstrate that you understand “what happened.” Be sure to cite relevant facts from the readings and/or lectures to support your argument. In other words, demonstrate the validity of your point of view; do not merely assert it.

1. The Korean War assumed a different dynamic after March 1951. Explain what happened at that time, connecting the development to why the conflict then persisted until 1953.
2. Why does the atomic bombing of Japan in August 1945 remain a highly contentious issue in the history of American foreign relations? Why, according to various historians, did the United States use its atomic weapons?
3. How, according to Robert Vitalis, is the story of ARAMCO both an American and a Saudi Arabian story? Be sure to cite ample evidence from *America's Kingdom* to support your answer.