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Chapter 31: Cold War

*After World War II: A New International Setting for the West*

1. Although western European nations were too weak after World War II to hold onto their colonies, what other sorts of ties did they typically maintain to these areas?
2. Describe the main goals of the Marshall Plan.
3. What is NATO, and what was its original purpose? What alliance was created by the Soviet Union in response?

*The Resurgence of Western Europe*

1. Why was there a shift in Europe towards more democratic governments and constitutions?
2. What were the main goals of the welfare state programs that developed in western Europe? How did this affect government bureaucracies?
3. What sorts of challenges did western democracies successfully face in the 1960s and 1970s?
4. What was the European Economic Community (EEC)? What is it known as today? Has it been successful overall? Explain.
5. How did western Europe fare economically in the decades after World War II?

*Cold War Allies: The United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand*

1. What prompted the United States’ decisive stance against the USSR in the mid-1940s? What was the impact on U.S. military spending?
2. What was decided regarding Korea at the conclusion of the Korean War?
3. Describe Eisenhower’s policy for dealing with the Soviet threat and the general strategy that resulted.
4. How did the U.S. respond to communist/socialist governments in Latin America?

*Culture and Society in the West*

1. Overall, how did women’s status change in this era?

*Eastern Europe After World War II: A Soviet Empire*

1. What region became a protectorate under the Soviet Union? Which countries became Soviet allies?
2. The USSR had the strongest influence over which region? How was the Soviet army employed here?
3. In addition to restricting the influence of the church, what other key programs and developments characterized the Soviet empire?
4. Why was the Berlin Wall built?
5. What overall changes to the social hierarchy did Soviet communism create?

*Soviet Culture: Promoting New Beliefs and Institutions*

1. Was agriculture a successful component of Soviet economic development? Explain.
2. What commonalities existed in Western and Soviet influences?