Eisenhower’s Foreign Policy

- How did Eisenhower continue the policy of containment set during the Truman Administration during the Cold War?
- How was his policy the same as Truman’s?
- How was it different?
Truman Recap

1. Marshall Plan
2. Truman Doctrine
3. Berlin Airlift
4. NATO
5. NSC #68
6. Korean War
Foreign Policy - “The New Look”

- Focused on Brinkmanship
  - Authored by Secretary of State J. Foster Dulles
  - Push the communists back to their pre-1945 borders by any means necessary
  - If they say no, nuke ‘em!!!
  - Used covert action by the CIA to interfere w/ communist governments abroad
Massive Retaliation

- Massive buildup of Nuclear Weapons
  - It was cheaper than building large military forces
- Mutually Assured Destruction
  - If one country attacks the other, the other will be destroyed-Nuclear Deterrence
Domino Theory

- April 7, 1954
- You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly.
- Worried about SE Asia & Japan
1. Korean War (Tie)

- “I shall go to Korea.”
- Threatened to use nuclear weapons to end the war
- Ceasefire signed in July 1953
Third World and Colonialism
2. Vietnam (Loss)

- Fall of Dien Bien Phu (1954)
- US paying 80% of the French costs of the War
- French lose battle to Vietminh
- Allies set up Geneva Conference to split Vietnam @ 17th parallel
  - North-Communist-Ho Chi Minh
  - South-Nationalist-Ngo Dinh Diem
- “Laos is the cork in the bottle to contain communism”
Dealings w/USSR

- Nikita Khruschev
  - New USSR Leader
  - Stalin dies in 1953
- Comes to the US in 1960
  - Visits 3 Places
    - Washington D.C.
    - Disneyland (CA)
    - Pittsburgh, PA

- What was his favorite destination and why?
4. Iran (Win)

- Began in 1953
- Iranian leader - Mohammed Mossadeq
- Iran wanted to nationalize its oil fields
- Operation AJAX - remove Mossadeq from power and install Shah Reza Pahlavi
- Tried to teach Pro-Western values...
5. Guatemala (Win)

- July 1954
- Second instance of CIA involvement
- Overthrew the Arbenz government

Why?

Chiquita Bananas?
- United Fruit Company had land taken away
6. Warsaw Pact (Loss)

- Formed in 1955
- Defensive Alliance between USSR and Eastern Europe
- Just like NATO...
- Because W. Germany joined NATO
7. Open Skies Initiative (Win)

- 1955
- Proposed Treaty between US & USSR that would allow each country to fly over the other.
- Problem- USSR didn’t have an air force
8. Suez Crisis (Tie)

- In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser needed $$$ to build the Aswan High Dam
- Israel, UK, & France invade
- USSR threatens to help on Egyptian behalf
- US denies sale of oil to allies
  - Last time US can use oil as leverage in the world!
Eisenhower Doctrine

- 1957 Speech
- Recommended that the US would use armed forces to protect the Middle East from the spread of Communism

How does this compare w/ Truman Doctrine?
9. USSR Conquest of Hungary (Loss)

- Hungarians revolt against USSR and withdraw from Warsaw Pact (1956)
- Hungarians turn to US for help!!
  - Truman Doctrine???
  - No US help, nuclear sledgehammer is too big!!!
10. Sputnik (Loss)

- October 4, 1957
- Means “Baby Moon”
- First Satellite to orbit the Earth
  - Won the Space Race!
- Orbited every 96 minutes
  - Later versions carried a dog!
US Response to Sputnik

1. NASA-Organized a space program for the country

2. NDEA-National Defense Education Education Act
   - US would give billions for educating high-school students in Math, Science, and Foreign Languages
Cuba (Loss)

- Turns communist in 1959
- Revolution led by Dr. Fidel Castro (Overthrows the Batista Government)
- Castro needs help from someone to consolidate power
  - Turns to USSR (90 miles from Florida)
  - US no longer trades w/ Cuba (Sugar)
  - No more Tourism (Las Vegas)
12. U-2 Incident (Loss)

- In 1960 a U-2 spy plane crashes into USSR
  - Piloted by Francis Gary Powers
- US denies any knowledge—it’s a weather balloon
- Khruschev produces evidence of plane and pilot at Paris Conference
- Ices Relations w/ USSR
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SOOOOOO... how was Eisenhower’s policy similar to Truman’s?

How was it different?