**U.S. History 11**

**Unit 7: The Cold War**

**Chapters 26-28, 30**

***Why Do You Have to Learn This?***

While World War II ends, new problems immediately arise. Former allies, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. become enemies over issues related to the spoils of war. Fear of communism, already something many Americans distrust, is manifested in U.S. foreign policy through all of the Cold War Presidents. Two brutal wars are fought in Korea and Vietnam. Economically, the country booms for most of the 1950s. The 1960s will be less prosperous. Popular culture reflects a strange duality- optimism in the future with a nod to the possibility of nuclear annihilation at any moment. Today, the U.S. still has a rocky relationship with Russia, the former Soviet Union. The continued conflict between communism and democracy is manifested in our current relationships with Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam, and China.

***What You Must Know by the End of This Unit:***

* \*After World War II, the dueling ideologies of democratic rule versus communist rule create a world seen increasingly as “West” against “East” will lead the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. into conflict with each other through surrogates in China, Cuba, Korea, and Vietnam.
* \*The Korean War is fought to prevent China (and the U.S.S.R.) from taking the entire Korean Peninsula.
* Fear of communism renews the Red Scare of the 1920s with some members of Congress targeting entertainers. Some of the fear is justified though- several spies are caught.
* A baby boom during the 1950s sees many women leave the workplace for being a homemaker (though not as many as commonly though). Popular culture, especially in the emerging medium of T.V., reflects this.
* \*Kennedy will face many challenges in his brief time as president. Some, like the Bay of Pigs, he handles poorly. Others, like the Cuban Missile Crisis, are successful. His assassination in 1963 stuns the nation.
* \*America’s involvement in Vietnam starts, in depth, in the 1950s. Lyndon B. Johnson escalates events there by sending combat troops in 1965. Our ten year war will end with America’s first wartime loss, though the military will not lose a single battle.
* \*Watergate changed this country. The illegal activities of Nixon and his friends shock the U.S. We never view the presidency the same again.

***Vocabulary Terms and Phrases You Must Know:***

Yalta Conference

United Nations

Satellite nations

Containment

“Iron Curtain”

Truman Doctrine

Marshall Plan

Berlin Airlift

NATO

Warsaw Pact

Chiang Kai-shek

Mao Zedong

Korean War

38th Parallel

DMZ

HUAC

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

McCarthyism

H-Bomb

Dwight D. Eisenhower

CIA

Nikita Khrushchev

Sputnik

Baby Boom

Consumerism

John F. Kennedy

Fidel Castro/Cuba

Bay of Pigs

Cuban Missile Crisis

Berlin Wall

Lyndon Baines Johnson

Ho Chi Minh

Vietminh

Domino Theory

Geneva Accords

Ngo Dinh Diem

Vietcong

Ho Chi Minh Trail

Tonkin Gulf Resolution

Napalm/Agent Orange

Draft

Doves/Hawks

TET Offensive

Richard Nixon

Vietnamization

May Lai

Kent State

Pentagon Papers

War Powers Act

Watergate Scandal