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- 2  **Healing the Wounds of War**
 - WWII most devastating war the world has ever known
 - Around 50 million died during WWII, most civilians
 - Soviet Union paid highest price with 10 million civilians and 10 million soldiers lost
 - Europe and Japan lay in ruins
- 3  **Occupation Rule of Germany**
 - Allied leaders meet at Potsdam to discuss postwar Germany
 - Decide on joint occupation and split Germany into four occupation zones
 - Allies take control of more developed and industrialized west, Soviets take poorer eastern part
 - Allies have joint occupation of Berlin
 - Four powers also divided Austria
 - Four powers, were: France, Great Britain, United States, and Russia
- 4  **Occupation of Japan**
 - Emperor Hirohito remained in the imperial palace but had NO power
 - Allied Supreme Commander Douglas MacArthur, his staff, and new Japanese Congress ran the country
 - Setup a democratic government & demobilized millions of troops
 - Constitution also abolished army and navy
 - Broke up Japanese monopolies
- 5  **War Crimes Trials**
 - Nuremberg Trials
 - Took place in Nuremberg, Germany, former Nazi rallying place
 - Trials began November 1945 in front of international military court
 - September 1946 court gave first rulings
 - Nazi leaders tried on four charges: planning the war, committing war crimes & other crimes against humanity, and conspiring to commit the crimes

- 6  **War Crimes Trials**
- Nuremberg Trials
 - 12 Nazi leaders sentenced to death, 7 others received jail sentences, and 3 were acquitted
 - Many Nazis escaped like Adolf Eichmann the architect of the Jewish extermination program
 - Eichmann and others avoided immediate prosecution by hiding their identities and escaping to Latin America
 - Trials in Tokyo
 - MacArthur sets up International Military Tribunal for the Far East in 1946
 - Court prosecuted more than 20 leaders of Japan's military, trials started in May of 1946
 - 7 sentenced to death, others sentenced to life in prison
- 7  **United Nations**
- United Nations formed after WWII
 - Was put in place to be a international peace keeping organization
 - United States joined UN as a permanent member
 - Only 5 permanent members: US, Great Britain, Russia, China, and France
 - Roosevelt dies two weeks before first United Nations meeting on April 12, 1945
 - Harry S. Truman takes over Presidency
 - Truman very underprepared and was not involved in foreign policy discussions under Roosevelt
- 8  **Cold War Origins**
- United States did not recognize communist government of Soviet Union until 1933
 - Soviets harbored considerable resentment
 - Soviets disagree bitterly over battle tactics and postwar plans with United States and British
 - United States upset with Soviet Union over nonaggression pact they signed with Hitler
 - Soviet Union upset that Allies did not invade Europe sooner to help take pressure off Russian Front
- 9  **Containment**

- Countries throughout Eastern Europe under Soviet control were called “Satellite Nations”
 - Churchill gives Iron Curtain speech
 - At this time George Keenan a top American diplomat in Moscow suggested a policy of containment
 - This policy of containment allowed the Soviet Union to have Eastern Europe but resist Soviet attempts to spread communism elsewhere
- 10 **Deadlock over Atomic Weapons**
- US was working on Baruch Plan, that would've setup international rules for atomic energy
 - Soviets successfully test first atomic bomb in 1949
 - Sends the US and Soviet Union into the Nuclear Arms Race
- 11 **Truman Doctrine**
- Called for the United States to take more of a leadership role worldwide
 - Also declared that the United States would support nations threatened by communism.
 - Congress approves \$400 million in aide to Turkey and Greece
- 12 **Marshall Plan**
- After WWII Europe is in ruins
 - 21 millions Polish are homeless
 - 1 in every 5 houses in France have been destroyed
 - Marshall Plan called for nations of Europe to draw up a program for the economic recovery from WWII
 - The US would then support these programs with financial aid.
 - Unveiled by Secretary of State George C. Marshall
- 13 **Berlin Airlift**
- US, Great Britain, and France combine their parts of Germany to create West Germany
 - Soviets responded by creating communist East Germany
 - Berlin is located in East Germany and Stalin upset with creation of West Germany blocks all roads into Berlin June 24th 1948
 - Over next 10 months Allies fly in 2 million tons of food and supplies to West Berlin
 - Soviets call off blockade in May 1949

14  **NATO and Warsaw Pact**

- After the Berlin Crisis US and 11 other Western European nations created NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
 - Stated that if any country in NATO was ever attacked the other 11 countries would defend them
- Soviet Union responded by creating the Warsaw Pact