UNITED STATES HISTORY II · MINNESOTA

United States History II

Practice Test

Unit 3: The Cold War

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Minnesota curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

This practice test was made by AI and there may be mistakes. If a question or answer looks wrong, use the Flag a mistake button to let Brett know so he can fix it.

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.



Question 1

The Truman Doctrine of 1947 offered aid to countries resisting communism beginning with which two countries?

A) Greece and Turkey

B) France and Italy

C) Japan and Korea

D) Egypt and India

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake

Question 2

The Marshall Plan provided United States aid to rebuild the economies of which region after World War II?

A) Latin America

B) Western Europe

C) Southeast Asia

D) Sub – Saharan Africa

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.



Question 3

The Berlin Airlift of 1948 to 1949 supplied West Berlin after the Soviet Union did what?

A) Invaded the city

B) Closed all airports

C) Blockaded land routes into the city

D) Bombed the city

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake

Question 4

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization founded in 1949 is a collective defense alliance that originally included which country?

A) The Soviet Union

B) Canada

C) Japan

D) China

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 5

The Warsaw Pact formed in 1955 was a military alliance led by which country?

A) France

B) The United States

C) Yugoslavia

D) The Soviet Union

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 6

Containment as a Cold War policy meant what?

A) Invading the Soviet Union

B) Preventing the spread of communism

C) Ending all trade

D) Building the Berlin Wall

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 7

The Korean War began in 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea across which line?

A) The 17th parallel

B) The Yalu River only

C) The 38th parallel

D) The Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 8

The Korean War ended in 1953 with what result?

A) A unified Korea under the North

B) An armistice and a divided Korea

C) A peace treaty unifying Korea

D) United States withdrawal from Asia

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 9

Senator Joseph McCarthy in the early 1950s claimed without solid evidence that communists had infiltrated what?

A) The British navy only

B) Canadian schools only

C) The United Nations headquarters only

D) The United States government

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 10

The House Un American Activities Committee investigated alleged communist influence mainly in which areas?

A) Farming only

B) Government Hollywood and labor unions

C) Sports only

D) Foreign armies only

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.



Question 11

In what year did the Soviet Union launch Sputnik the first artificial satellite?

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake



Question 12

The launch of Sputnik led the United States to create which space agency in 1958?

A) Central Intelligence Agency

B) Federal Aviation Administration

C) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

D) National Science Foundation only

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 13

The Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961 was a failed attempt by Cuban exiles backed by the United States to overthrow which leader?

A) Fulgencio Batista

B) Fidel Castro

C) Che Guevara

D) Raul Castro

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake



Question 14

The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 arose when the Soviet Union placed nuclear missiles in Cuba within range of what?

A) Brazil

B) Britain

C) Canada only

D) The United States

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 15

President John F Kennedy responded to the Cuban Missile Crisis mainly with what?

A) An immediate invasion of Cuba

B) A naval quarantine and negotiations

C) A nuclear attack on Moscow

D) Withdrawal from NATO

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 16

The domino theory used to justify United States involvement in Vietnam held that if one country fell to communism what would happen?

A) All wars would end

B) Trade would increase

C) Neighboring countries would also fall

D) The United Nations would close

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 17

The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution of 1964 gave President Lyndon Johnson broad authority to do what?

A) End the draft

B) Expand military action in Vietnam

C) Sign a peace treaty

D) Withdraw all troops

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 18

The Tet Offensive of 1968 was a major attack by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces during which holiday?

A) Tet the lunar new year

B) Christmas

C) Easter

D) Thanksgiving

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 19

The Vietnam War ended for the United States with the Paris Peace Accords in what year?

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 20

Saigon fell to North Vietnamese forces in April 1975 marking the end of which war?

A) Korean War

B) Vietnam War

C) Gulf War

D) Afghan War

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 21

Detente in the 1970s meant what in United States Soviet relations?

A) A complete end to rivalry

B) A new war

C) A trade embargo only

D) An easing of tensions and arms control talks

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 22

The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks agreements of the 1970s aimed to limit what?

A) Space travel

B) Nuclear weapons

C) Conventional armies only

D) Trade with China

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

Question 23

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 led the United States to boycott which Olympic Games?

A) 1984 Los Angeles Games

B) 1976 Montreal Games

C) 1980 Moscow Games

D) 1988 Seoul Games

Understand It with Pulse Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

Question 24

Mikhail Gorbachev policies of glasnost and perestroika meant what?

A) Openness and restructuring

B) Tighter censorship and central control

C) Expansion of the military only

D) An end to all reform

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake



Question 25

In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?

Understand It with Pulse

Flag a mistake

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.

ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. D
10. B
11. 1957
12. C
13. B
14. D
15. B
16. C
17. B
18. A
19. 1973
20. B
21. D
22. B
23. C
24. A
25. 1989

© 2026 Brett Robbins. All Rights Reserved.