

Written Questions for Cold War Document Analysis:

Iron Curtain Speech

1. *Sourcing*: Who was Winston Churchill? Why would Americans trust what he has to say about the Soviet Union?

2. *Close reading*: What does Churchill claim that the Soviet Union wanted?

3. Where does Churchill think Soviet influence is centered?

4. What does Churchill mean when he says “Iron Curtain”?

Truman Doctrine

1. *Close reading*: Why did Truman believe Greece needed American aid in 1947?

2. *Context*: What does Truman mean when he claims, “Should we fail to aid Greece and Turkey in this fateful hour, the effect will be far reaching to the West as well as to the East”?

3. *Close reading:* Does Truman present American policy as offensive or defensive? What words or phrases does Truman use to present policy this way?

4. Who is Truman referring to when he says “free peoples”?

Soviet Ambassador Telegram

1. *Sourcing:* Who was Nicholas Novikov? When did he write this telegram?

2. *Close reading:* How does Novikov describe the United States? What evidence does he use to support his description?

3. *Context:* What does Novikov claim the United States planned during the Second World War?

4. Does this source make you see the U.S.’s involvement in WWII differently than before?

Henry Wallace Letter

1. *Sourcing*: Who was Henry Wallace? When did he write this letter?

2. *Close Reading*: What is Wallace's main argument?

3. *Corroboration*: How does Wallace's description of American foreign policy compare to Truman's and Novikov's?

4. How do you think citizens from around the world viewed the intentions of the U.S. regarding global affairs positively or negatively, and why?
