*WBA* Reading Guide

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1. Utilizing specifics, summarize the origins of the Cold War. (545-546)
2. Explain why “Russia” is seen as such a threat to the U.S.? Describe the rising tensions between the USSR and the US. (547- 548)
3. What is the “Iron Curtain?” (548)
4. How does the “ideological confrontation with the Soviets” manifest itself in term of US foreign policy? (549)
5. What is the Truman Doctrine? (549)
6. Describe the postwar affluence of the United States and what caused it. Make sure to explain the two “forces” that dominated the nation’s economy during this period. (571-574)
7. How is the secondary labor market different from the other jobs being created in the American Economy? (581)
8. How would you compare post-war immigrants to earlier wave of American immigrants? Describe the nature of the discrimination against these groups. (584-586)
9. What is the service industry? How does this sector confuse the issue of class? (586-587)
10. What is the role of women in this industry? Why does the image of the working woman change from “Rosie the Riveter” into something else? In turn, what gender roles get placed on men? (587-589)
11. What trends led to the homogenizing of American society? (590-591)
12. What is a Levittown? What is its significance to the affluent society? (592-593)
13. Outline the consequences of the growth of suburbs (594-595)
14. How does television play a role in creating and reflecting 50’s culture? (597-598)