**Politics of Containment Unit: Truman to JFK**

**1950-1963**

**PART I: LATE TRUMAN YEARS**

**I. China Goes Commie (1949)**

Why is this a concern for the United States?

Why do we then turn to Japan as our ally?

**II. Results of China falling**

A. NSC-68 Report (April, 1950)

What did this report say?

How does the Spiderman Theory apply here?

What would be the major result if the U.S. followed the suggestions in NSC-68?

**III. Korean War (1950-1953)**

What happened to start the Korean War?

**Changes to containment: What were they are a result of the war in Korea?**

**IV. Results of Korean War**

What were the three major results?

**PART II: EISENHOWER’S CONTAINMENT APPROACH (1953-1961)**

**Eisenhower’s Containment Strategy: What was the main idea?**

How does his nickname, Ike, help us remember his approach?

**I. Eisenhower’s “New Look”**

What were Eisenhower’s two keys to the Cold War?

“More Bang for the Buck”

What is the theory of **Massive Retaliation**?

What did that mean for our armed forces?

Nuclear delivery systems

What was Sputnik and why did it have such an impact on the U.S.?

What was the original mission of NASA?

**II. Brinkmanship**

What is the idea of Brinkmanship?

What did Eisenhower believe it would do?

What is the major problem with this approach?!

**PART III: JFK’S FLEXIBLE RESPONSE APPROACH**

**I. Containment Approach: Flex Response**

What was “flexible response”?

Why did JFK go to this instead of sticking with Massive Retaliation?

What problems did this create for the U.S. almost immediately?

How would aid to Latin America through **Alliance for Progress** and the **Peace Corps** help to contain communism?

D. Cold War moves into space

**II. Crisis in the JFK Era**

A. **Bay of Pigs** (Cuba, 1961)

What was it?

Why was it bad for JFK?

B. **Berlin Wall** goes up (June, 1961)

What was the Berlin Wall?

What purpose did it serve?

Why was Khruschev concerned about people trying to get into West Berlin?

C. **Cuban Missile Crisis** (Oct. 1962)

What was it?

How was it resolved?

Impact on USSR?