THE COLD WAR

During and after World War II, tension between the United States and the USSR grew. **Stalin** was disappointed in many of the United States' decisions regarding post-war aid and nuclear research. As a result of this, the Soviet Union had little trust in the United States and **President Truman**.

Another fundamental difference in the two nations lay in the ideas of **democracy** and **communism**. Both the United States and the USSR sought globalization of their ideas and political structure. At the forefront of this was the need to restructure Europe after World War II, and the race to see who could do so.

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At home, the United States vehemently fought against the threat of any communist activity. Leaders adopted the concept of containment and banned any communist activity. Despite the tension that existed during this time, the U.S. economy prospered.

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