Standard 20 Vocabulary

1. 22nd Amendment- Sets a term limit for the President. Two consecutive terms or ten total years.
2. Marshall Plan- George Marshall; America’s program to rebuild Western Europe after World War II.
3. Berlin Airlift- response to the Berlin Blockade, Western Allies flew over 200,000 flights, and delivered 4700 tons of food and other daily supplies to the Berliners.
4. NATO- North Atlantic Treaty Organization, formed to halt the spread of communism from Soviet-controlled nations of Eastern Europe
5. Warsaw Pact – Alliance of the Communist nations in Eastern Europe controlled by the USSR.
6. Satellite Nations – A formally independent nation under political and economic influence of another country.
7. Truman Doctrine – Proclaimed by Harry S. Truman. U.S. would supply any nation with economic and military aid to prevent falling under Soviet **sphere of influence**.
8. Containment – Determination to stop the spread of communism
9. Korean War – War between Soviet North and Democratic South Korea. Proxy war between U.S. and USSR; 38th parallel made the official border; DMZ

Spy Scandals – Soviet spies in the U.S. were infiltrating different areas of the gov’t

1. Alger Hiss – U.S. government official accused of being Soviet spy and convicted of perjury in connection with this charge
2. Rosenbergs – Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were American citizens convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage.
3. McCarthyism - practice of making accusations of disloyalty, subversion, or treason without proper regard for evidence. Senator Joseph McCarthy
4. HUAC – House Un-American Activities Committee. Created in 1938 to investigate alleged disloyalty and subversive activities of private citizens, public employees, and organizations suspected of having Communist ties.
5. Blacklist/Hollywood 10 – Hollywood actors, screenwriters & producers accused of being communist
6. Cuban Revolution – Revolution led by Fidel Castro to overthrow Cuban gov’t.
7. Bay of Pigs – Failed attempt by CIA trained Cuban exiles to invade Cuba’s Bay of Pigs. Failed b/ Kennedy refused to involve American forces.
8. Cuban Missile Crisis – Soviet built missile sites in Cuba threatened U.S. national security forcing Kennedy to blockade Cuba. 1962.
9. Vietnam War – November 1955 to April 1975. War between Democratic South Vietnam with U.S. assistance and the Viet Cong of North Vietnam.
10. Domino Theory – Belief that if one state in a region came under communist control the surrounding would as well.
11. Ho Chi Minh Trail – Strategic supply line for Viet Cong running through Laos and Cambodia
12. Tet Offensive – Eight month long Viet Cong campaign to drive out Americans