

## Essays Cold War, autumn and winter 2009/2010.

### Three essays:

1. US policies and developments in Europe: Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan, NATO. Soviet policies, Sovietization of Eastern and Central Europe, COMECON, Warsaw Pact.
  - a) To what extent were Soviet policies responsible for the outbreak and development of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949.
  - b) To what extent were US policies responsible for the outbreak and development of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949.
  - c) In what ways and for what reasons did the relationship between the US and the USSR deteriorate between 1945 and 1949.
  - d) Assess the impact of the Marshall Plan on the development of the Cold War between 1947 and 1961.
  - e) To what extent did the conferences in Yalta and Potsdam contribute to the origins of the Cold War.
  - f) Assess the impact of the COMECON on the development of the Cold War between 1947 and 1961.
  - g) "The Sovietization of the Eastern European countries followed the same pattern." To what extent do you agree with the statement?
2. Germany (especially Berlin (1945-61)), Congo (1960-64), Afghanistan (1979-88), Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, Middle East.
  - a) Explain and evaluate the Impact the Cold War had on either:
    - Congo
    - Afghanistan
    - Cuba
    - The Middle East.
  - b) Compare and contrast the policies of the USA and the USSR towards Korea between 1945 and 1955.
  - c) Analyze the role of Germany in the origin and development of the Cold War.
  - d) Analyze the role of Korea in the origin and development of the Cold War.
  - e) Analyze the role of Cuba in the development of the Cold War.
  - f) Compare and contrast the role Korea and Germany played in the origin of the Cold War.
3. Castro, Gorbachev, Kennedy, Mao, Reagan, Stalin, Truman.
  - a) Analyze what impact on the development of the Cold War any of these leaders had.
  - b) Compare and contrast the impact Kennedy and Castro had on the Cuban Missile Crisis.

### Instructions:

Your essays should be emailed to me at [adjunkten@gmail.com](mailto:adjunkten@gmail.com). Your essays may not contain more than 1500 words, that's approximately two pages. Your essays should also include footnotes and a list of sources used (not included in the 1500 words limit).

See the "study plan" for dates.