

8.7 America as a World Power

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **Cold War competition abroad** 冷战竞争.

You must be able to:

- state where Cold War competition extended and with what qualification
- state what decolonization led both sides to do
- state what many new nations did
- name the two things Americans debated

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Latin America

Cold War competition extended to Latin America, where the United States supported non-Communist regimes that had varying levels of commitment to democracy. The qualification is the CED's own and it is exact.

■ Decolonization

Postwar decolonization and the emergence of powerful nationalist movements in Africa and the Middle East led both sides in the Cold War to seek allies among new nations.

■ Nonalignment

Many of which remained nonaligned. New nations were not simply distributed between the blocs; many refused both.

■ Two debates

Americans debated the merits of a large nuclear arsenal and the military-industrial complex. The domestic argument about the means of global leadership.

2 Practice

2.1 State where competition extended and the CED's qualification.

[2]

2.2 State what decolonization led both sides to do and what many new nations did. [2]

2.3 Americans debated the means of leadership.

(a) Name the two subjects. [2]

(b) State what "varying levels of commitment to democracy" concedes. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Many new nations in Africa and the Middle East [1]

- **A** remained nonaligned
 - **B** joined NATO
 - **C** joined the Warsaw Pact
 - **D** returned to colonial rule
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3.2 Americans debated the merits of a large nuclear arsenal and [1]

- **A** the military-industrial complex
 - **B** the tariff
 - **C** immigration quotas
 - **D** the Sun Belt
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3.3 A power supports a regime that is not democratic in order to keep it out of a rival bloc.

(a) State the CED's phrase. [1]

(b) Explain the tension this creates. [2]

4 Go further

- work through the **8.7 America as a World Power** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Period 8: 1945-1980** section of the AP US History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 to Latin America, where the United States supported non-Communist regimes with varying levels of commitment to democracy.

2.2 both sides sought allies among new nations; many remained nonaligned.

2.3 (a) a large nuclear arsenal; the military-industrial complex. (b) that some supported regimes were not democratic.

3.1 A. nonaligned.

3.2 A. the military-industrial complex.

3.3 (a) regimes with varying levels of commitment to democracy. (b) the stated aim of the policy included defending free institutions, which support for undemocratic regimes contradicts.