

**1947**

Source 1.

*I never saw such destruction, Ruined buildings, the never-ending procession of old men, women and children..... wandering aimlessly, carrying, pushing and pulling their belongings. I was thankful that the United States had been saved the unbelievable devastation of this war. (Harry Truman)*

Source 2.

**1. WHAT DO THE ABOVE SOURCES REVEAL ABOUT THE SITUATION AFTER 1945?**

**2. WHICH COUNTRY IN EUROPE SUFFERED MOST FROM THE WAR?**

**3. CIVIL WAR IN GREECE**

- between the Royalists and the Communists
- Britain tried to support the Royalists, but could not afford it
- Britain asked America for help
- America had no obvious interest in Greece, but finally agreed to help

**WHY DID AMERICA FINALLY DECIDE TO HELP?**

#### **4. TRUMAN DOCTRINE**

##### Source 3.

*I believe it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressure.  
(President Truman, March 1947)*

##### Source 4.

*the peoples of a number of countries .....have recently had totalitarian regimes forced on them against their will. (Harry Truman)*

##### Source 5.

*based on the will of a minority, forcibly imposed on the majority. It relies upon terror..... a controlled press.....fixed elections and the suppression of personal freedoms .....nearly every nation .....to choose between alternative ways of life.*

#### **HOW DID PRESIDENT TRUMAN DESCRIBE THE COMMUNISM?**

- Truman got 400 million dollars from the American Congress to help Greece
- his speech became known as the Truman Doctrine

#### **TRY TO EXPLAIN WHAT THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE MEANT.**

#### **4. MARSHALL AID**

- much of Europe still lay waste
- farms and factories produced less than before 1939
- a severe winter in 1946-47 followed by floods and drought.
- US general George Marshall visited Europe in April 1947 and found:

*People crying for help, for coal, for food and for most of the necessities in life. The patient is sinking.*

#### **WHO WILL PROFIT FROM SUCH A POST-WAR SITUATION?**

➤ **June 1947 – the Americans came up with the Marshall Plan.**

Source 6.

*Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos..... Any country that is willing to assist in the task of recovery will find full co-operation from the US Government.....*

#### **WHAT WAS THE AIM OF THE MARSHALL PLAN?**

#### **WAS THE OFFER OF AID OPEN TO ALL COUNTRIES, EVEN THE SOVIET UNION?**

#### **5. HOW WOULD SOVIET UNION RESPOND TO THE MARSHALL PLAN? USE THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.**

Source 7.

*a plan for political pressure with the help of dollars ..... for interference in the affairs of other countries ( Pravda)*

Source 8.

Source 9.

*widely advertised as a plan to save peace, was aimed at uniting countries on an anti-Soviet basis ..... a new alliance against Communism*

**6. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE MARSHALL PLAN? USE THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.**

Source 10.

*A West German poster welcoming Marshall Aid*

Source 11.

*The Marshall Plan will go down in History as one of America's greatest contributions to the peace of the world.....  
without it, it would have been difficult for Western Europe to remain free from Communism.*

**7. EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING TERMS**

- **Isolationism**
- **Communism**
- **Truman Doctrine**
- **Containment**
- **Marshall Aid**
- **OEEC**