**Truman Doctrine Notes and Analysis Assignment- (This is an individual assignment)**

Slide 1 of Notes: Policy of Containment

- A series of strategies to prevent the spread of communism

- First tested in Greece to support the government against communism rebels

- Truman asked Congress to approve $400 million in economic and military aid to Turkey and Greece

Slide 2 of Notes: Truman Doctrine

- Truman declared “I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free people who are resisting subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures.”

- Stated that the world was faced with a clear choice: freedom with a capitalist democracy, or repression with communism- a global struggle between two very different ways of life

- To prepare for this fight against communism two new agencies were created: Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Council

You as an individual will now do the following:

Historians have hypothesized several motives as to why Truman introduced his doctrine in 1947. These motives include:

1) gaining global economic power

2) demonizing the USSR in the minds of the public

3) winning the presidential election/Truman’s personal views about the value of democracy

4) basic diplomacy to protect Greece and Turkey

5) a need to provoke the USSR

6) becoming the world’s policeman

In groups of three, choose three of the motives above and research them further using the links provided. You may use your cell phones for this part. Then write a paragraph argument for each motive as a reason for the introduction of the Truman Doctrine. In total, by the end of class you should have three paragraphs, each discussing a different motive.

Use these links to help you get started but you can use others as well.

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/truman_doctrine.htm>

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/teacher/doctrine.htm>

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/24491/john-lewis-gaddis/reconsiderations-the-cold-war-was-the-truman-doctrine-a-real-tur>

This is an example of how your paragraphs should look. You can use this as a guide but you should not copy it!

Motive #2: Truman was compelled to implement the Truman Doctrine because he wanted to show the rest of the world the horrible face of the Soviet Union. He did this to demonize the USSR and encourage the rest of the world to do the same. Some would say the policy was created in order to gain global economic power, but according to an article from the New York Times, Truman wanted the American opinion and other nations to view communism and specifically the Soviet Union in a negative light.

This is a formal grade and will be turned in next class.