The Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan: At Home and Abroad

90 minute lesson/ block schedule

Objective: The student will be able to analyze or interpret a given historical event, idea, or issue in U.S. history (H-1A-H2)

What was the role and effect of the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine both at home and abroad? Compare and contrast each document.

Materials Required:
- copy of Marshall Plan for each student
- copy of Truman Doctrine for each student
- highlighters
- textbook

Instructional Strategies Used:
- group study
- compare and contrast
- question and answer
- lecture, complete study guide

Directions for the lesson:

- Lesson opens with students reading newspaper in daily news activity (approx. 15 mins)
- Students will be divided into four groups; one will discuss the influence of the Marshall Plan in America; another will discuss the influence in Europe. Another group will discuss the influence of the Truman Doctrine in America and another will discuss its effect in Europe. (15 mins)
- After the groups discuss individually, they will pair up with opposite group (American & Europe Truman will be one large group; American and Europe Marshall will be another) (15 mins)
- Class will come together to discuss findings as a whole and complete the worksheet.
- Brief lecture – discussion of various details of each plan. Students will complete study guide.

Assessment:

Multiple-choice questions:

1. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine were both created in response to what major event:
   a. World War I
   b. World War II
   c. Gulf War
   d. Korean War

2. The Truman Doctrine and, in part, the Marshall Plan were an effort to prevent what from becoming the standard of government in the countries that received assistance?
   a. Monarchy
   b. Oligarchy
   c. Communism
   d. Democracy
3. In order for both of these ideas to become law and receive funding, what must occur?
   a. the President must sign the bill
   b. the House of Representatives must vote and accept the bill
   c. the Senate must vote and accept the bill
   d. all of the above

After reviewing the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine, which do you think made more of an impact at limiting the spread of communism in Europe and the world?

Enrichment Activity: Find other plans and papers that were used by the United States government to grant economic assistance to foreign powers.
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Truman Doctrine (American impact)

Truman Doctrine (Foreign Impact)

Marshall Plan (American Impact)

Marshall Plan (Foreign Impact)

In what year was the Truman Doctrine penned? __________

In what year was the Marshall Plan penned? __________

What countries did the Truman Doctrine most affect?

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What countries did the Marshall Plan most affect?

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How much money did the Truman Doctrine deal with?  

How much money did the Marshall Plan deal with?