

Artifact:

**“The Truman Doctrine,” President Harry Truman,
Speech to Congress, 1947.**



The very existence of the Greek state is today threatened by the terrorist activities of several thousand armed men, led by Communists, who defy the government's authority at a number of points, particularly along the northern boundaries...

The British Government, which has been helping Greece, can give no further financial or economic aid after March 31st. Great Britain finds itself under the necessity of reducing or liquidating its commitments in several parts of the world, including Greece...

I am fully aware of the broad implications involved if the United States extends assistance to Greece and Turkey, and I shall discuss these implications with you at this time. One of the primary objectives of the foreign policy of the United States is the creation of conditions in which we and other nations will be able to work out a way of life free from coercion. This was a fundamental issue in the war with Germany and Japan. Our victory was won over countries which sought to impose their will, and their way of life, upon other nations...

At the present moment in world history nearly every nation must choose between alternative ways of life. The choice is too often not a free one. One way of life is based upon the will of the majority, and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression. The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms.

I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures.

I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way.

I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes...

The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died.

We must keep that hope alive.

The free peoples of the world look to us for support in maintaining their freedoms. If we falter in our leadership, we may endanger the peace of the world. And we shall surely endanger the welfare of this nation.

Great responsibilities have been placed upon us by the swift movement of events.

APUSH Framework Classifications

Period 8: 1945-1980

Key Concept 8.1.I

APUSH Theme/s:

America in the World, American and National Identity

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SALLAN

A primary source practice

One important note: Don't think you have to address all of the elements below. That'd be annoying.

Instead, see SALLAN as a sort of menu:
 Depending on the artifact, some elements will be more relevant than others.

Source

- +**Context:** What's going on at the time??
 - +**Point of View:** What's relevant re the creator's worldview?
 - +**Purpose:** Why was this source produced?
 - +**Audience:** To whom is the message directed?
- How do these elements impact the artifact's Argument?**

Argument

- +**Main Message:** Argument the creator makes?
- +**Supporting Details:** Specific parts especially relevant to the Main Message?
- +**Underground:** What's going on below the surface? POV, assumptions, tone?

Links (to Content Knowledge)

- +**Broad CK:** Broad CK you can link to this artifact?
- +**Specific CK:** Specific CK you can link to this artifact?

Links (to other Artifacts)

- +**Source Corroboration:** Does another artifact corroborate the Main Message of this artifact?
- +**Source Conflict:** Does another artifact conflict with the Main Message of this artifact?

Analysis?

Explain the historical significance of this artifact by using:

- +1 element from Sourcing.
- +2 other elements of your choice.

New Question?