

The Early Cold War: Short Answer Question

1. Use the secondary source below and your understanding of World History to answer parts a, b, and c below.

“Most scholars (ourselves included) believe that it makes more sense to place the start of the Cold War in the mid-1940s when American and Soviet leaders had the military power, the economic resources, and the determination to engaged in a far-flung and intense ideological, political, military, and cultural struggle for influence. Deeply affecting the domestic politics and foreign affairs of most of the world’s nations, this multifaceted competition between the United States and its allies and the U.S.S.R. and its allies was one of the major phenomena in modern history.”

Source: Ralph Levering and Verena Botzenhart-Viche, *Debating the Origins of the Cold War: American and Russian Perspectives, 2001.*

- a) Provide ONE piece of historical evidence not mentioned in this passage to support the author’s argument about the origins of the Cold War.
- b) Explain one way in which policies to maintain global influence in the United States were **similar to** the policies to maintain global influence in the Soviet Union during the Cold War.
- c) Explain one way in which policies to maintain global influence in the United States were **different from** the policies to maintain global influence in the Soviet Union during the Cold War.