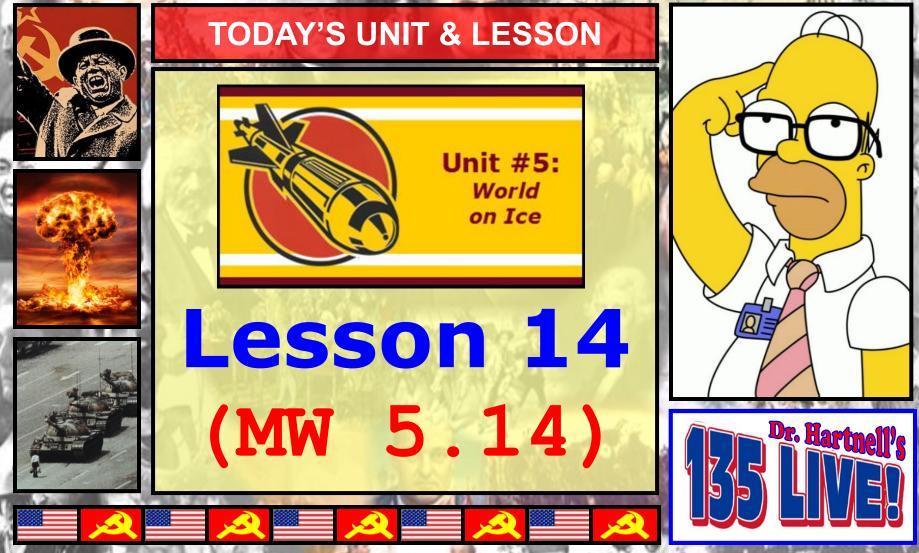


World on Ice









## **WESTERN EUROPE:**

With the economic aid of the Marshall Plan, the countries of Western Europe recovered relatively rapidly from the devastation of World War II.

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By 1950, industrial output in Europe was 30% above pre-war levels.





One man (the war hero Charles de Gaulle) dominated the history of France for nearly a quarter of a century after the war.





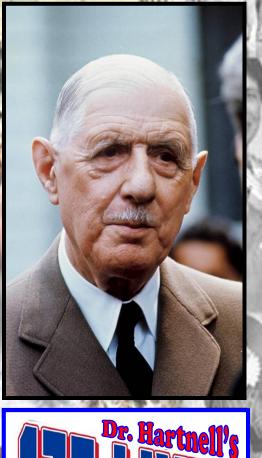
In 1946, de Gaulle helped establish a new government, the Fourth Republic. (However, it was largely ineffective.)







In 1958, leaders of the Fourth Republic, frightened by bitter divisions caused by a crisis in the French colony of Algeria, asked de Gaulle to form a new government.



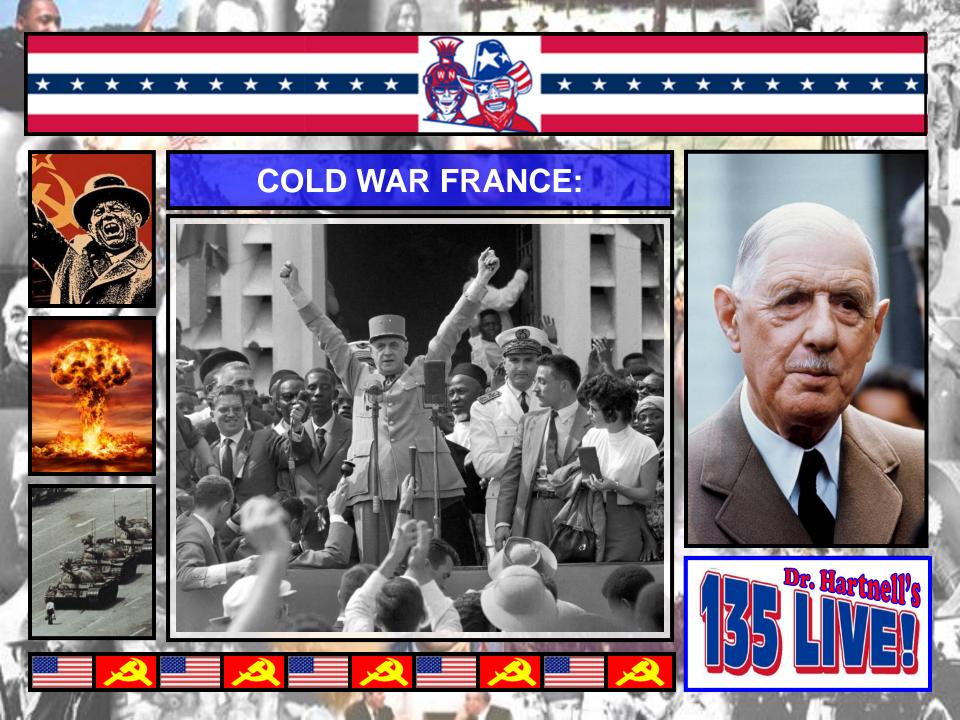




That year, de Gaulle drafted a new constitution for the Fifth Republic that enhanced the power of the President.

The French President would now have the right to choose the Prime Minister, dissolve parliament, and supervise defense and foreign policy.

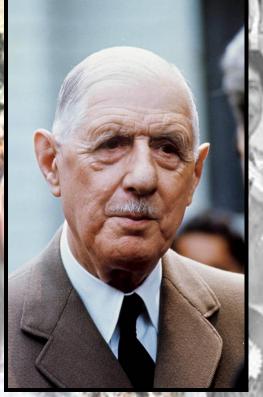








French voters approved the constitution, and de Gaulle became the first President of the Fifth Republic.



As President, de Gaulle wanted France to be a world power once again.





To achieve this, de Gaulle invested heavily in nuclear arms. France exploded its first nuclear bomb in 1960.

**COLD WAR FRANCE:** 

During de Gaulle's Presidency, the French economy grew at an annual rate of 5.5%, faster than the rate of growth in the U.S.









France became a major industrial producer and exporter, especially of automobiles and weapons.



**Nevertheless**, problems remained. Large government deficits and a rise in the cost of living led to unrest.









In May 1968, a series of student protests was followed by a general labor strike.

Discouraged, de Gaulle resigned from office in April 1969 and died within a year.

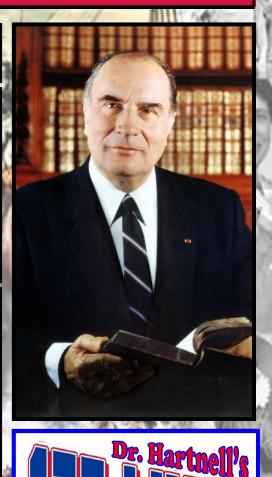






During the 1970s, a deteriorating economic situation caused a political shift to the left.

By 1981, the socialists gained power in the National Assembly. Socialist François Mitterrand was elected President.





Mitterrand initiated a number of measures to aid workers: an increased minimum wage, a 39hour work week, and higher taxes for the rich.







The Socialist government also nationalized (took over) major banks, steel industry, space and electronics industries, and insurance firms.



Socialist policies, however, largely failed to work, and France's economic decline continued.







In the elections in March 1993, the socialists won only 28% of the vote.



A coalition of conservative parties gained 80% of the seats in the National Assembly.







The end of World War II left Britain with massive economic problems.

In elections held immediately after the war, the Labour Party overwhelmingly defeated Winston Churchill's Conservative Party.

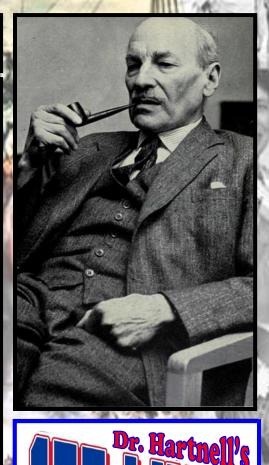








Under Clement Attlee, the new Prime Minister, the Labour government set out to create a modern welfare state, which is where the government takes responsibility for providing citizens with services and a minimal standard of living.



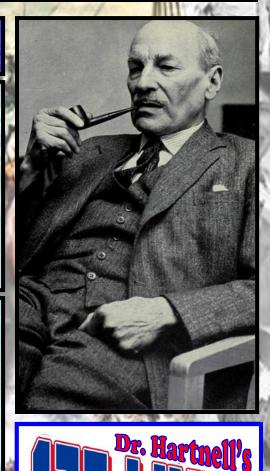




In 1946, the new government passed the National Insurance Act and the National Health Service Act.



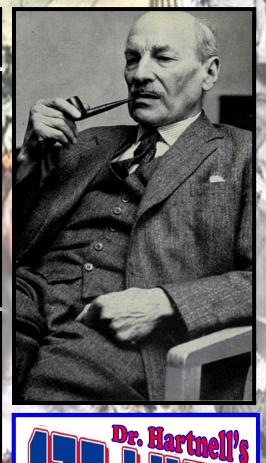
The insurance act provided government funds to help the unemployed, the sick, and the aged.







The health act created a system of socialized medicine that ensured medical care for everyone.





The British welfare state became the norm for most European countries after WWII.





Continuing economic problems brought the Conservatives back to power from 1951-1964.

Although they favored private enterprise, the Conservatives accepted the welfare state and extended it by financing an ambitious building program to improve British housing.









From 1964-1979, power alternated between Britain's Conservative Party and Labour Party.





In 1979, the Conservatives came to power under Margaret Thatcher, Britain's first female Prime Minister.





Thatcher pledged to limit social welfare, to restrict union power, and to end inflation. Her main focus was privatization.

Although she did not eliminate the basic social welfare system, Thatcher broke the power of the labor unions and controlled inflation.







"Thatcherism", as her economic policy was termed, improved the British economic situation... but at a price.

Business investment and the number of small businesses increased substantially. The south of England, for example, prospered.







Old industrial areas elsewhere, however, were beset by high unemployment, poverty, and violence.



Thatcher dominated British politics in the 1980s, but in 1990 Thatcher's popularity fell, and she resigned as Prime Minister.

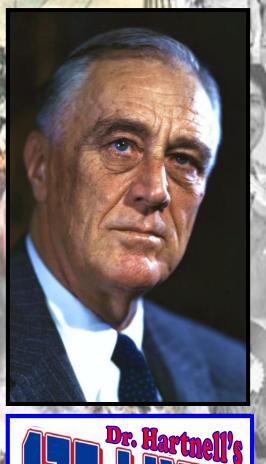






From 1945-1970, the ideals of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal" program largely determined the patterns of American domestic politics.

The New Deal brought basic changes to American society.









These changes included a dramatic increase in the role and power of the U.S. Government, the rise of organized labor, the beginning of a welfare state, and a realization of the need to deal fairly with the concerns of minorities, especially black Americans.







The New Deal tradition in U.S. politics was reinforced by the election of succeeding Democratic Presidents (Harry S. Truman in 1948, John F. Kennedy in 1960, and Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964).







Even the election of Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956 did not change the basic direction of the New Deal.









A shortage of consumer goods during the war left Americans with extra income and the desire to buy goods after the war.



In addition, the growth of labor unions brought higher wages and gave more workers the ability to buy consumer goods.





From 1945-1973, worker wages grew an average of 3% per year, the most prolonged advance ever in American history.



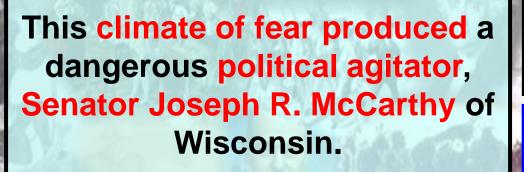


Prosperity was not the only characteristic of the early 1950s.





Cold War struggles abroad led to the widespread fear that communists had infiltrated the U.S.









His charges that hundreds of supposed communists were in high government positions helped create a massive "Red Scare" and a fear of communist subversion.







When McCarthy attacked "communist conspirators" in the U.S. Army, he was condemned by the Senate in 1954.





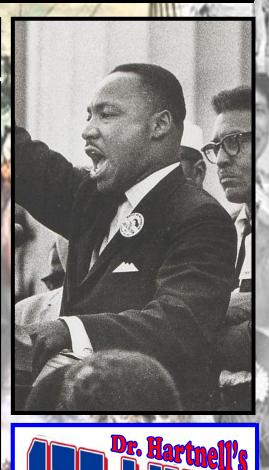
Very quickly, his anticommunist crusade came to an end.







On August 28, 1963, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of a movement for racial equality (the Civil Rights Movement), led a march on Washington, D.C., to promote the desire for equality among whites and blacks in the U.S.







King's march and his impassioned plea for racial equality had an electrifying effect on the American people.



By the end of 1963, a majority of the American people called "civil rights" the most significant national issue.





After the assassination of JFK, Lyndon B. Johnson became President.

Following his landslide victory in 1964, President LBJ pursued the cause of Civil Rights.







The Civil Rights Act of 1964 created the machinery to end segregation and discrimination in the workplace and all public places.





The Voting Rights Act made it easier for blacks to vote in Southern states.



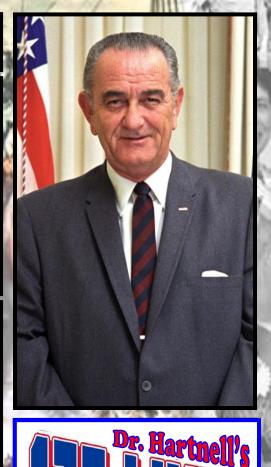






Laws alone, however, could not guarantee the "Great Society" that LBJ talked about creating.

He soon faced bitter social unrest. In 1968, MLK was assassinated.





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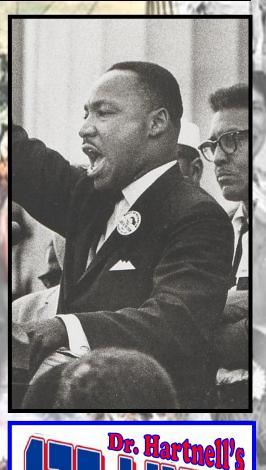
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Riots hit more than 100 cities, including D.C.

The riots led to a "white backlash" where whites became less sympathetic to the cause of racial equality and continued the racial division of the U.S.

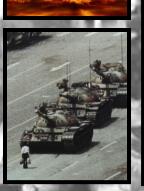




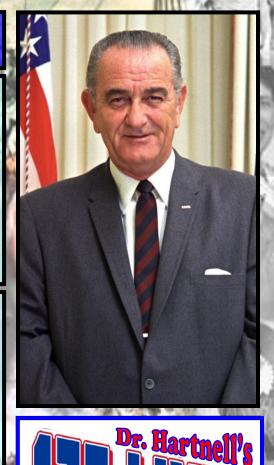




Anti-war protests also divided the U.S. as some Americans turned against the Vietnam War (1955-1975).



The combination of anti-war demonstrations and riots in the cities caused many people to call for "law and order".







This was the appeal used by Richard Nixon, the Republican Presidential candidate in 1968.

With Nixon's election, a shift to the political right in U.S. politics began.



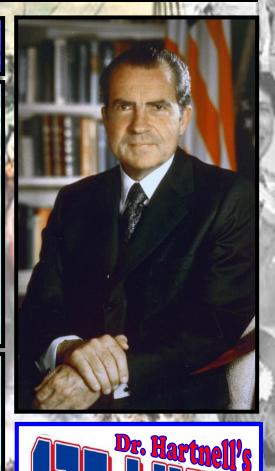




As President, Nixon traveled to Communist China and ended the Vietnam War. but used illegal methods to gain information about his political opponents.



This led to the Watergate scandal involving the wiretapping of phones.



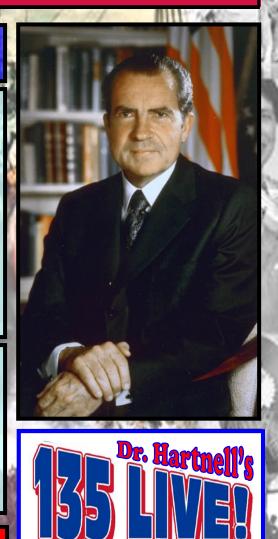




After lying to the public about his involvement in the affair, secret tapes of his conversations in the White House revealed the truth.



On August 9,1974, Nixon resigned rather than face possible impeachment.





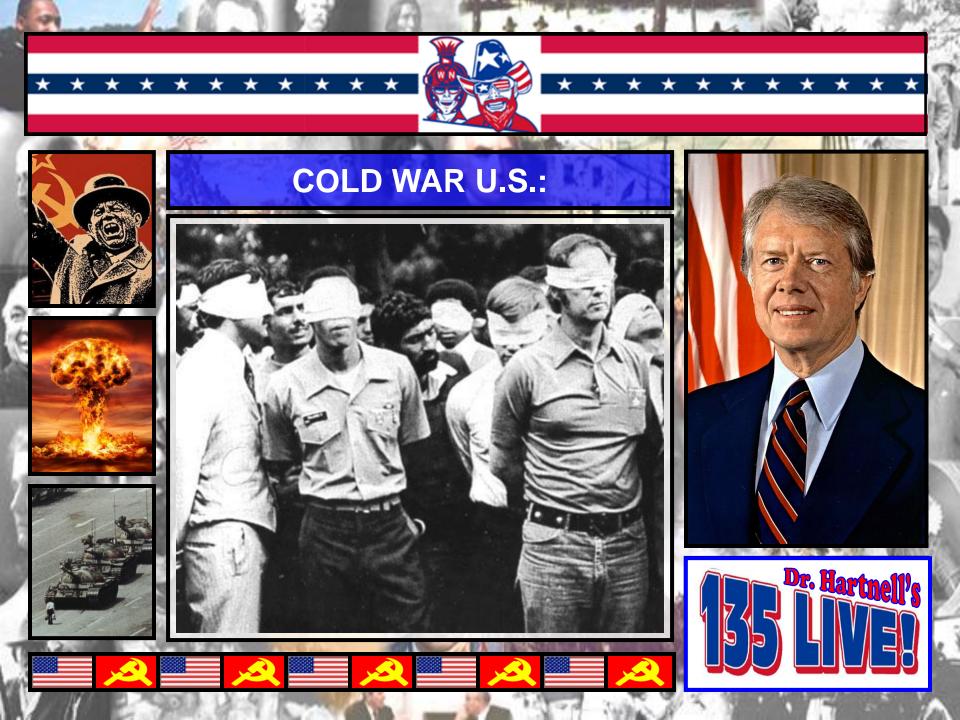


In the Election of 1976, the former Governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter, became President.



A crisis abroad erupted when the Iranian Government of the Ayatollah Khomeini held 52 Americans hostage.

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Carter's inability to gain the release of the American hostages, as well as his ineffective response to the Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989) contributed to his loss to Ronald Reagan in the Election of 1980.







After WWII, Canada developed electronic, aircraft, nuclear, and chemical engineering industries on a large scale.

Under Prime Minister Lester Pearson, the Liberal Government laid the groundwork for Canada's welfare state.







A national social security system and health insurance program were enacted.

When Pierre Trudeau became Prime Minister in 1968, he supported a vigorous program of industrialization.





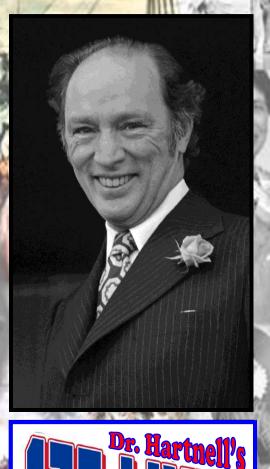
He was also dedicated to preserving a united Canada.

At the same time, he acknowledged the rights of French-speaking Canadians.





His government passed the Official Languages Act, which allowed the English and French languages to be used in the Federal civil service.









QUESTION

1. Who led France following the end of WWII? What did he do to try to make France a world leader once again? What resulted in France tipping toward socialism?





QUESTION

2. Explain what happened to Britain as it alternated between Labour and Conservatives? Who was their first female Prime Minister? How did she do?







3. What impact did FDR's "New Deal" have on American society and politics?





QUESTION

4. What resulted in the backand-forth between Democrats and Republicans during the 1970s and 1980s?





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5. What did Canada do following WWII that helped it politically and economically? How did it address the issue with English and French languages?

