

## AP United States History

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### Cold War and the Middle East

- 1952 Election
  - Truman decides not to run
  - Republicans run Dwight D. Eisenhower, former WWII war hero
    - "I Like Ike" political campaign
- Eisenhower's SOS Dulles — Brinkmanship
  - Wanted US to be more aggressive than containment and "liberate" captive nations
    - Encourage Taiwan to assert self against Communist China
- Soviets launch unmanned satellite Sputnik — 1957
  - US was worried about nuclear attack from space
  - This caused the US to create and fund NASA in 1958
  - JFK said in 1961 that the US would be the first country to the moon by the end of the decade: leads to huge amount of funding for math and science
- Middle East Issues Under Eisenhower
  - Arab Nationalism was troubling to US: they didn't want a power vacuum to exist
    - They were afraid Communists would take over the region
- 1953 — Oil Embargo and Shah Takedown
  - Iran's prime minister announced plan to nationalize oil and take control from British
  - Brits announce embargo against Iran and CIA backs a coup that brings the Shah
- Nasser and Egypt
  - Nasser wants to unite and lead the Arab world against the Israelis
  - After US refuses to loan it money for Aswan dam and gets money from Soviets
- Warsaw Pact (1955)
  - Soviet Union's response to NATO created in 1955
- 1956 Hungarian Revolt
  - Hungary pulls from Warsaw pact, overthrow regime, soviets send tanks
  - US did nothing out of fear of direct conflict and did not follow through with threat of liberation