**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 26—Cold War Politics in the Truman Years, 1945–1953**

* **What was the impact of the Cold War on the United States?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself of the effects of the Cold War on certain aspects of life in United States. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the impact in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Effects of the Cold War** |
| **Foreign policy** |  |
| **Domestic policy** |  |
| **The economy** |  |
| **Gender relations** |  |
| **Civil rights** |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

* **What was the impact of the Cold War on the United States?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, you might want to consider how U.S. citizens thought about the responsibilities of their government internationally and at home. You may also want to consider if there was a specific part of U.S. society that was more deeply influenced by the Cold War. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*