**Chapter 26**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**The United States and the Postwar World**

* What interests did American and Soviet policymakers think were at stake in Eastern Europe? How did events in the region contribute to the growing Cold War?
* What was the policy of containment? What assumptions about Soviet power and intentions were at the heart of the policy?

**Truman and the Fair Deal**

* How did Truman propose to expand the New Deal? In what areas did he succeed, and in what areas did he fail?
* What explains the rise of McCarthyism? Why did so many Americans believe the country faced a grave internal threat to its security?

**The Korean War**

* How did the policy of containment lead to American involvement in Korea?
* What impact did the Korean War have on American domestic politics?

**Looking Backward, Looking Ahead**

* How did American and Soviet experiences between 1918 and 1945 lay the groundwork for the Cold War?
* How did the Cold War set the stage for American life in the 1950s?