**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 24—The Opening of the Cold War, 1945-1961**

* **How did mutual misunderstanding and competition on the international stage affect politics, society, and culture in the United States during the first two decades of the Cold War?**

***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 first column below with the key international and domestic developments of the Cold War. In the rest of the chart, record how these events impacted politics, society, and culture. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

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|  | **Details** | **Political impacts** | **Societal impacts** | **International impacts** |
| International events |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic events |  |  |  |  |

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

* **How did mutual misunderstanding and competition on the international stage affect politics, society, and culture in the United States during the first two decades of the Cold War?**

*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. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*