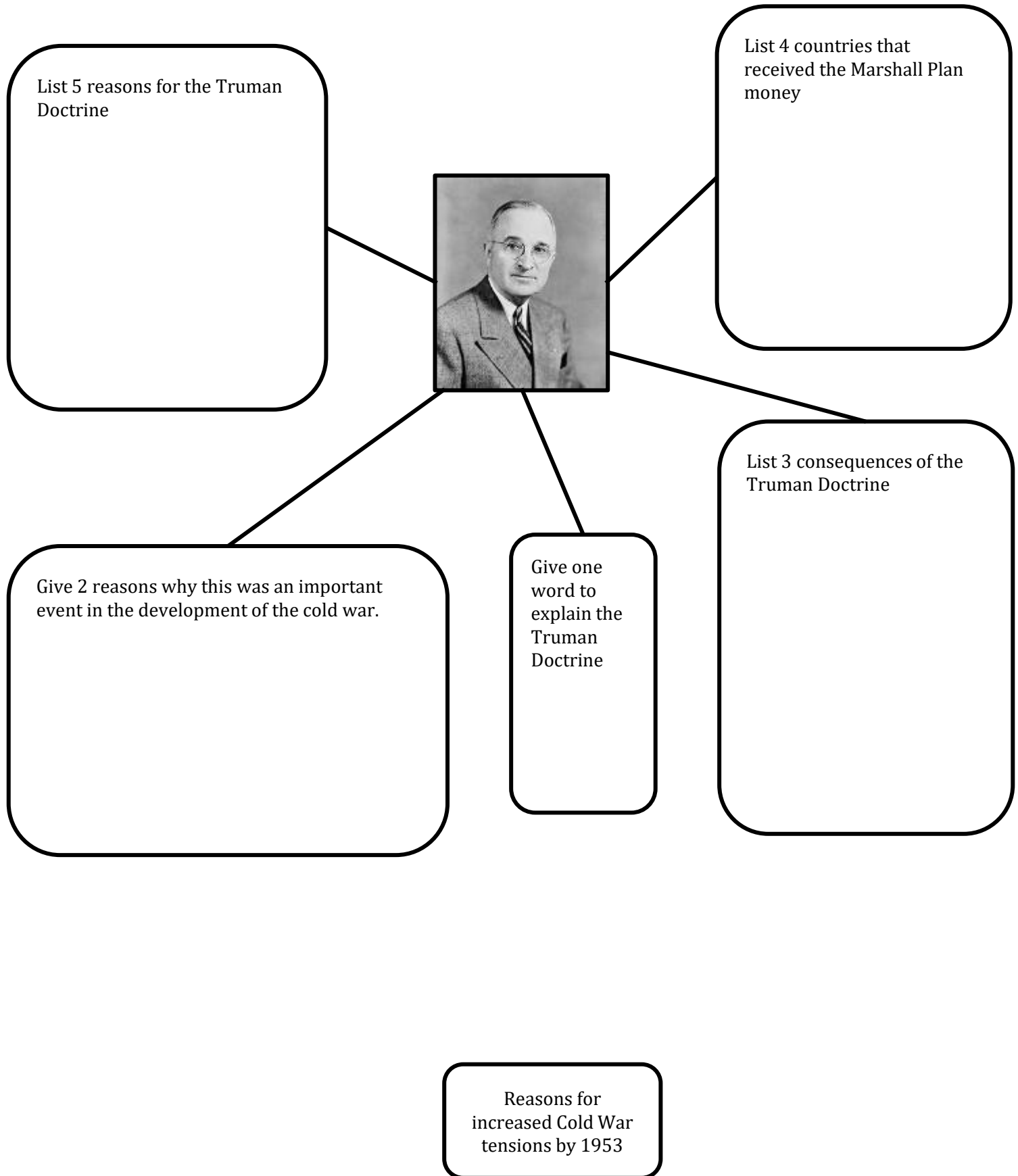


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Recap: Complete the two recap mind maps.



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TASK 1: Explain who the Rosenbergs were and why they were important.



TASK 2: Explain who Alger Hiss was and how it increased the fear of communism.



TASK 3: Complete the fact file on Senator McCarthy

Name: Joseph McCarthy

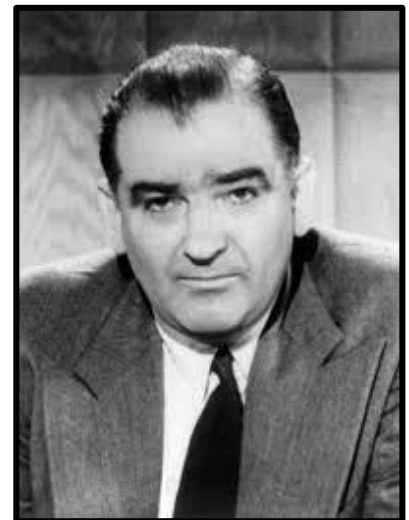
Born:

Died:

How did he die?

Why are we studying him?

His main aims:



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TASK 4: Read page 51-53 and answer the following questions.

What was the House of Un-American Activities Committee?

What was McCarthy's orchestrated pressure designed to do?

Who was affected by McCarthyism and how?

Why did the Second Red Scare end?

How did McCarthyism affect US policy foreign focus (East vs. West)?

How did Britain react to the USA's emerging 'Asia first' thinking?

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With reference to source A and B and your understanding of historical context, assess the value of these sources to historians studying McCarthyism in the Early 1950s

TASK 5: Analyse the sources in reference to the question

Source 1: From a letter from Senator Joseph McCarthy to President Harry S. Truman, 11 February 1950, about communists in the US State Department.

I stated that the State Department harbours a nest of communists and communist sympathisers, who are helping to shape our foreign policy. I further stated that I have in my possession the names of 57 communists who are in the State Department at present. A State Department spokesman denied this, claiming that there is not a single communist in the Department. I would suggest, therefore, Mr. President, that you simply pick up your phone and ask Mr. Acheson how many of those whom your board had labelled as dangerous communists he failed to discharge. Failure on your part will label the Democratic Party as the bedfellow of international communism.

Source 2: From an editorial entitled 'McCarthy Cries Again', from *Collier's* magazine, 2 August 1952. *Collier's* was a popular American magazine that was well known for its investigative journalism.

Senator McCarthy has set himself up as the final authority on loyalty and Americanism. He insists that his accusations are not to be doubted, and his judgement is not to be questioned. He testified in Syracuse, New York, that *The Washington Post* and the New York (communist) *Daily Worker* 'parallel each other quite closely in editorials'. When he was asked whether he would consider *The Christian Science Monitor* a 'left-wing smear paper,' he replied, 'I can't answer yes or no'. Those are the statements of a man who is either woefully unreceptive or wholly irresponsible. And when such a man asks that his wild-swinging attacks be accepted without question, eh is, to borrow his own words, not only ridiculous but dangerous.