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A Curtain of Iron

1. Who gave the famous “Curtain of Iron Speech?” **Winston Churchill, leader of Great Britain during World War II**
2. Why did he declare that an iron curtain had been drawn down over Eastern Europe? **The Soviet Union kept armies in Eastern European nations, didn’t allow free elections, and didn’t allow people to leave Eastern Europe if they wanted to.**
3. Look at the map on page 28. What was the effect on Europe of the Iron Curtain? **Trade will be reduced, travel back and forth will be restricted, families will be split up, and military tension will increase.**
4. Why do you think he wanted to give his speech in the United States? **The United States was the most powerful nation in the world; he wanted Americans to agree with his opinion of communism.**
5. What did Joseph Stalin brag? **The world would eventually go over to communism.**
6. What happened when countries rebelled because they did not want to be behind the Iron Curtain? **The nations were crushed and their leaders killed.**
7. What happened to Germany during this period? **Germany was divided up among the French, British, Americans and Russians. All countries were expected to leave once the Germans recovered from the war. The Russians did not leave their part of the country and that became known as East Germany.**
8. What happened to Germany’s capital city of Berlin? **Just like the country, the capital was divided up. Berlin was located in East Germany. Germans were trying to get to the Western controlled part of the city...the democratic side. Russia built a wall so that people could not go to the west.**
9. What is the Truman Doctrine? **It is the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressure.**