Study Guide—Part I

1. George Kennan, the State Department’s principal expert on the Soviet Union, proposed that the United States work to contain:

   a. 

   b. 

2. Fill in the chart below based on the background reading.

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3. Why was France involved in Indochina following World War II?
4. What two events recast the U.S. attitude toward the war in Indochina? Why?
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   b. 

5. List two components of the “Navarre Plan.”
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6. Name at least four countries or groups that participated in the Geneva Conference.

7a. What was the result of the battle at Dienbienphu?
   
   b. How did it affect France’s attitude at the Geneva Conference?

8. List two reasons why the United States was reluctant to participate in the Geneva Conference.
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   b.
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1. Describe the actions taken by the United States after World War II to halt what was seen as the threat of Soviet communism.

2. What was the U.S. attitude toward France’s initial efforts to reassert its control over Indochina after World War II?

3. Explain why and how U.S. attitudes toward the French colonial war in Indochina changed in 1950.

4. In what sense were the United States and France “uneasy allies” from June 1950 to July 1954? (Hint: Did they share the same perceptions and objectives in Indochina?)
5. What does the cartoon to the right, drawn in 1954, suggest about the nature of the war in Indochina? If the cartoon had been drawn in 1947, how might the cartoonist have portrayed the war?

6. Why were the U.S. proposals to intervene in Indochina in 1954 during the siege of Dienbienphu never carried out?

7. Explain why the United States was reluctant to attend the Geneva Conference.

Extra Challenge: Explain the meaning of the statement at the beginning of the background reading: “The American road to Vietnam began in early 1947 in the villages of Greece and in the mountains of Turkey.”