

1 ☐ **March 12, 2020**

**How did President Truman try to make change?**

DO NOW: What was the Truman Doctrine?

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9C72ISMFD0>
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSwCnWk05N4>
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4 ☐ **Harry S. Truman  
in the Military**

- 1 • Harry S. Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri on May 8, 1884.
- In 1905, shortly after graduating from high school, Truman served in the Missouri National Guard.

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- Part of the 129th Field Artillery and sent to France, he and his unit saw action in several different campaigns.
- He was promoted to captain, and after the war he joined the reserves eventually rising to the rank of colonel.
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6 ☐ **Harry and Bess Truman**

- 2 • On June 28, 1919, Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.
- Their only child, Mary Margaret, was born on February 17, 1924.
- He ran a men's clothing store in Kansas City but due to the post-war recession it failed.

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- Truman began politics in 1922 as one of three judges of the Jackson County Court.
- In 1934, Truman was elected to the United States Senate where he gained national prominence as chairman of the Senate Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program.
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaE1m3Eq0v8>
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9 ☐ **President  
Harry S. Truman**

- 1 • On January 20, 1945, he took the vice-presidential oath, and after President Roosevelt's unexpected death, he was sworn in as the nation's thirty-third President.

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- Truman's presidency focused on foreign policy which was centered on the prevention of Soviet influence by which he proposed The Truman Doctrine.

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16 ☐ **The Truman Doctrine**

- To promote democracy around the world and fight the spread of oppressive regimes in which a minority controls the majority.
- "One of the primary objectives of the foreign policy of the United States is the creation of conditions in which we and other nations will be able to work out a way of life free from coercion."

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17 ☐ **The Truman Doctrine**

- To help Greece and Turkey resist the rebellion of an armed minority.
- "Should we fail to aid Greece and Turkey in this fateful hour, the effect will be far reaching to the West as well as to the East...the seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died.

18 ☐ **Questions...**

- Why does Truman frame his request in the context of an international conflict?
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- What American interests were involved in the political fate of Greece and Turkey?
- Does The Truman Doctrine still influence the foreign policy of the United States?