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Harry S. Truman: The Unexpected President

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Harry S. Truman born?

- a) New York City, New York
- b) Chicago, Illinois
- c) Los Angeles, California
- d) Lamar, Missouri

2. What significant role did Truman play in ending World War II?

- a) He led the D-Day invasion.
- b) He dropped atomic bombs on Japanese cities.
- c) He negotiated a peace treaty with Germany.
- d) He orchestrated the reconstruction of Europe.

3. What international organization did Truman help establish after World War II?

- a) NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
- b) United Nations
- c) European Union
- d) African Union

4. What was the Cold War, and why was it a major challenge during Truman's presidency?

- a) A period of friendly relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union
- b) A period of tension and rivalry between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, with the fear of nuclear conflict and the spread of communism
- c) A period of economic prosperity in the U.S.
- d) A period of colonization by Western powers in Africa

5. How did Truman contribute to civil rights during his presidency, and what challenges did he face?

- a) He opposed civil rights efforts, facing little opposition.
- b) He issued executive orders to desegregate the military and federal employment, facing opposition from some Southern politicians.
- c) He played a passive role in civil rights, letting state governments handle the issue.
- d) He supported racial segregation.

