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Harry S. Truman: The Unexpected President

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss Harry S. Truman's unexpected ascension to the presidency and his role in ending World War II, including the decision to drop atomic bombs on Japan.
2. Analyze the Cold War as a major challenge during Harry S. Truman's presidency, highlighting the fear of nuclear conflict and the global implications of the rivalry between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.
3. Evaluate Harry S. Truman's contributions to civil rights, particularly his executive orders to desegregate the military and federal employment. Explain the opposition he faced and the significance of these actions in the civil rights movement.
4. Reflect on the legacy of Harry S. Truman and his impact on the United States and the world, considering his role in shaping post-World War II diplomacy and his commitment to international cooperation.

