

MARSHALL PLAN

In the period immediately following World War II, Europe was ravaged by destruction and hunger. This left the continent vulnerable to exploitation by internal and external communist threat. In a June 5, 1947, speech to the graduating class at Harvard University, Secretary of State George C. Marshall issued a call for a comprehensive program to rebuild Europe.

Fanned by the fear of a communist expansion, In March 1948 Congress passed the Economic Cooperation Act and approved funding that would eventually rise to over \$12 billion for the rebuilding of Western Europe. The Marshall Plan has been recognized as a great humanitarian effort, and Marshall became the only general ever to receive a Nobel prize for peace.

1. Why did the Marshall Plan apply only to Western Europe?

- A Eastern Europe was under the control of the Soviet Union.
- B Western Europe was the only battleground in World War II.
- C George Marshall's plan was intended for Western Europe exclusively.
- D United States companies had holdings in Western Europe but not in Eastern Europe.

4. Which of the following core democratic values *most* clearly supports the Marshall Plan?

- A Federalism
- B Civilian Control of the Military
- C The Common Good
- D Truth

2. The Marshall Plan was a reversal of which previous foreign policy of the United States?

- A The Truman Doctrine
- B Dollar Diplomacy
- C Hawaiian annexation
- D Isolationism

3. What was an intention of the Marshall Plan?

- A to reduce trade between the United States and Europe
- B to create a military partnership between the United States and the Soviet Union
- C to prevent Soviet domination of Western Europe
- D to form an alliance between the Soviet Union and Western Europe

6. Why do you think George Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

Data Chart—Multiple Choice

Directions: Use the information in the chart and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the questions.

The Berlin Airlift, June 1948–Sept. 1949	
Population of West Berlin	2,100,000
Number of Days	327
Number of Flights	277,000
Tons of Supplies	2,300,000

Source: *The Americans*

1. The Berlin Airlift lasted for

- A more than a year.
- B close to a year.
- C about a month.
- D five weeks.

2. How much supplies per person were brought in during the airlift?

- A approximately a half ton
- B approximately a ton
- C approximately a million pounds
- D approximately a hundred pounds

3. The number of flights per day averaged

- A less than 600.
- B between 600 and 800.
- C between 800 and 1,000.
- D more than 1,000.

4. The Berlin Airlift was intended to support the people of West Berlin when a Soviet blockade threatened the Berliners with starvation. What can you infer from the information in this table?

- A America and Britain made a big investment in supporting the people of West Berlin.
- B The people of West Berlin didn't need much support.
- C The blockade only lasted for a brief time.
- D Berlin was not important to the Americans.

5. Do you think America should have been involved in the Berlin Airlift? Explain