# Directions: Using the above documents, prior knowledge of World War II, and your textbook, answer the following questions as a group on a separate sheet of paper.

#  Questions

1. Why do you think the Potsdam Conference was “marked by growing suspicion and tension between the United States and the Soviet Union”?
2. Why do you think that President Harry Truman felt the need to appear “tough” with Joseph Stalin?
3. How did the USSR and US plans for postwar Germany differ?
4. Why do you think the United States wanted to limit the amount of reparations the USSR could take from Germany?
5. Why do you think the Allies wanted to completely dismantle the Nazi party in Germany?
6. Why do you think the Allies were concerned about rebuilding Germany’s postwar economy?
7. In what ways did the Potsdam Conference promote a spirit of cooperation between Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States? In what ways was this conference a precursor to the Cold War?