**Harry Truman: Man of the People**  
Class Syllabus

**Week One:**  The Rise of Truman  
- Personal story  
- The machine politician  
- Senator Truman

**Week Two:**  The Accidental President  
- 1944 Democratic convention  
- Death of FDR  
- Historic challenges of war and peace

**Week 3:**  1945: The First Four Months  
- Potsdam Conference  
- The Bomb

**Week 4:**  Creating the Postwar World  
- A New Deal vision for post war America  
- 1946 mid-terms and conservative pushback  
- The Truman Doctrine

**Week 5:**  Origins of the NATO. and the National Security State  
- The Marshall Plan  
- National Security Act of 1947  
- Origins of European Union and NATO

**Week 6:**  1948 Campaign and Election  
- Dissolution of the New Deal Democrats  
- The Progressives and the Dixiecrats  
- Recognition of Israel  
- Desegregation of the military  
- The whistle-stop campaign

**Week 7:**  The Cold War Intensifies At Home and Abroad  
- Second Red Scare – McCarthyism  
- Korea  
- McArthur decision

**Week 8:**  Truman’s legacy  
- Civil Rights - Commission on Civil Rights  
- The Fair Deal and the progressive tradition  
- Foreign policy - NSC-68  
- Military industrial complex

*No book will be used for this class. Facilitator will send out articles and historical documents in advance of each class.*

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