

### SS.7.C.4.3

#### Describe examples of how the United States has dealt with international conflicts.

- **World War I & World War II** – The US policy leading up to these wars was **neutrality**... we didn't want to get involved. Many Americans favored isolationism - having nothing to do with other countries.
- **Cold War – 1945-1991**. The US policy about communism was containment... try to keep communism & the influence of the Soviet Union from spreading to more countries. The Korean War and Vietnam War were during this period.
- **Terrorism**. After 9/11/2001, the US created a new Cabinet Department: The Department of Homeland Security. Congress passed the "USA Patriot Act" which gave the government more power to collect information about suspected terrorists. The Patriot Act is controversial, as some people say it weakens protections in the Bill of Rights, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment's protection against Unreasonable Search & Seizure.
  - Osama bin Laden, responsible for the 9/11 attacks, was tracked down and killed, hiding in Pakistan, by US forces in 2011.
  - Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were related to the war against terrorism.