**Chapter review**

**Short-answer questions**

1. Why did the United States develop a policy of ‘containment’?

1. What was the significance or outcome of the Berlin Blockade?

1. Why was the Berlin Wall built?

1. What were the responses to the Berlin Wall?

**Analyse the document’s views**

**Kennedy’s Ich bin ein Berliner speech, June 1963**

In 1963, Kennedy visited Berlin and, while looking over the wall, declared to a crowd of 250 000 Germans that *‘Ich bin ein Berliner* [I am a Berliner]’. The power of this speech for Germans in West Berlin was his declaration that ‘I am one of you’.

Find this speech online and listen to it yourself.

*There are many people in the world who really don’t understand, or say they don’t, what is the great issue between the free world and the Communist world. Let them come to Berlin. There are some who say that communism is the wave of the future. Let them come to Berlin. And there are some who say in Europe and elsewhere we can work with the Communists. Let them come to Berlin. And there are even a few who say that it is true that communism is an evil system but it permits us to make economic progress. Let them come to Berlin … all free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and therefore as a free man, I take pride in the words Ich bin ein Berliner.*



**Source 7.26**Kennedy addressing the crowd in Berlin. There is an urban myth that Kennedy didn’t realise that a ‘Berliner’ was a popular local jam doughnut. So instead of saying ‘I am a Berliner’, he actually said ‘I am a doughnut’!

1. List two of the arguments that, according to Kennedy, people use for supporting communism.

1. What might he mean when he says that ‘all free men … are citizens of Berlin’?

1. What is the purpose of repeating the phrase, ‘Let them come to Berlin’?

1. Use your own knowledge from this chapter to explain why the Berlin Blockade (1948–49) and Berlin Wall (1961) are good examples of Cold War tensions.

1. Using your knowledge from this chapter, explain the strengths and weaknesses of Kennedy’s point of view.

Extended-response question

Write a considered response to this statement about the Berlin Wall: ‘The Berlin Wall became the best symbol of Cold War tensions.’

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Provide detailed examples to support your answer. Use information from this chapter to form an argument that is supported with evidence.

* To answer this question you will need to be able to explain the division and control of Germany and Berlin into east and west, and then the provocative policy of containment.
* It will be important to briefly provide the background for the wall being built, including the Berlin Blockade.
* Think about how best to define what a ‘symbol’ is. What does a symbol do? What are the qualities of an effective ‘symbol’? Using your own definition, in what ways is the Berlin Wall an effective symbol of the Cold War? In what ways is it not?
* What are some other possible symbols of the Cold War – Checkpoint Charlie or a space rocket or a nuclear bomb or the political spectrum itself?
* Better answers will not fully argue that it was or was not the best symbol, but rather discuss ways in which it is and is not the best symbol. Use this discussion to decide on your overall argument.