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The United States of America has a long and storied history, and its foreign policy has played a major role in shaping the world we live in today. From the Declaration of Independence to the present day, the United States has been guided by a set of core principles that have shaped its interactions with other nations.

The Declaration of Independence (1776)

The Declaration of Independence is the foundational document of American foreign policy. It declared the thirteen American colonies' independence from Great Britain and asserted the principle of popular sovereignty. The Declaration also outlined the basic rights of individuals, including the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Declaration of Independence had a profound impact on the development of American foreign policy. It established the United States as a sovereign nation and set forth the principles that would guide its interactions with other nations. The Declaration also inspired other nations to seek independence from their colonial masters.

The Monroe Doctrine (1823)

The Monroe Doctrine was a statement of American foreign policy issued by President James Monroe in 1823. The Doctrine declared that the United States would consider any attempt by European powers to colonize or interfere with the affairs of the Americas as an act of aggression against the United States.

The Monroe Doctrine was a major turning point in American foreign policy. It marked the end of the era of European colonialism in the Americas and established the United States as the dominant power in the Western Hemisphere. The Doctrine also helped to define the United States' role in the world as a protector of democracy and human rights.

The Cold War (1947-1991)

The Cold War was a period of intense rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Cold War began after World War II and lasted for nearly half a century. During the Cold War, the United States and the Soviet Union competed for global dominance and influence.

The Cold War had a major impact on American foreign policy. The United States adopted a policy of containment, aimed at preventing the spread of communism. The United States also formed alliances with other countries

to counter the Soviet Union. The Cold War also led to the development of new weapons technologies, such as the atomic bomb.

The War on Terror (2001-Present)

The War on Terror is a global campaign against terrorism launched by the United States after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The War on Terror has involved military action in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries. The United States has also taken steps to strengthen its domestic security measures.

The War on Terror has had a major impact on American foreign policy. The United States has adopted a more aggressive approach to counterterrorism, and it has expanded its military presence in the Middle East. The War on Terror has also led to increased tensions between the United States and some Muslim-majority countries.

The United States has a long and complex history, and its foreign policy has evolved over time to meet the challenges of a changing world. The Declaration of Independence, the Monroe Doctrine, the Cold War, and the War on Terror are just a few of the milestones that have shaped American foreign policy. The United States continues to play a major role in the world, and its foreign policy will continue to be shaped by the events of the past and the challenges of the future.



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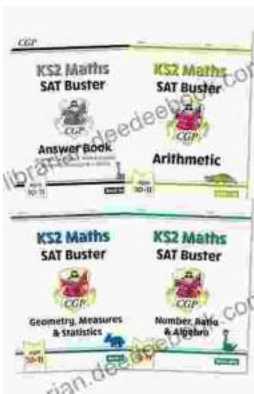
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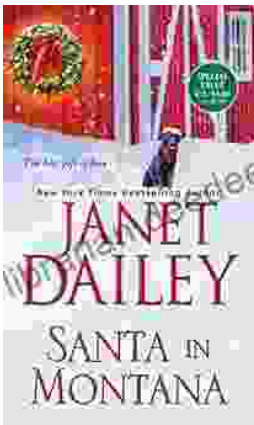
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