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Rebuilding After WWII

Directions: Read the brief summary below about the world's transition from war to peace after World War II. Then, answer the short-response prompts that follow to show your understanding of how nations worked together to rebuild and prevent future conflicts.

After the devastation of World War II, world leaders sought ways to restore peace and prevent another global catastrophe. In 1945, the **United Nations (UN)** was created to promote diplomacy, human rights, and cooperation among nations. Around the same time, the **Marshall Plan**, launched by the United States in 1948, provided billions of dollars in aid to rebuild war-torn Europe. These efforts helped stabilize economies, strengthen democratic governments, and foster a sense of shared responsibility for global peace. While tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union soon grew into the Cold War, these early postwar programs laid the foundation for modern international cooperation.

1. What was the main goal of creating the United Nations after World War II?

2. How did the Marshall Plan help rebuild Europe?

3. In what ways did both the UN and the Marshall Plan promote peace and stability?

4. Why was the United States motivated to support European reconstruction?

5. How did postwar efforts like these shape future international relationships?
