The Iron Curtain and Cold War America

Read the following questions before listening to Winston Churchill’s 1946 speech at Westminster College in Missouri. Then, as you listen, respond to the questions. Be prepared to discuss your responses.

1. Early in his address, Churchill uses a metaphor of an “Iron Curtain” to describe the Soviet Union’s action in Europe. What does Churchill mean? ____________________________________
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2. Why does Churchill fear the “Iron Curtain”? _______________________________________
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3. For Churchill, what must the United States and Britain do to stop the growth of the “Iron Curtain”? ____________________________________________________________________________
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4. Churchill compares the growth of the Soviet Union to the rise of German power in the 1930s. Is his comparison accurate? Why or why not? ________________________________
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