From Ally to Enemy Assessment Answer Key

Analyze the primary source provided by your teacher by answering the following questions in complete sentences.

1. How does this source describe Americans’ attitude toward the Soviet Union? Why? How do you know?  
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2. Based on your knowledge of American-Soviet relationships, when do you believe this source was created? Why? Support your answer with evidence.  
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   This source depicts a negative American attitude toward the Soviet Union. In the poster, the Red iceberg symbolizes the Soviet Union, which threatens Uncle Sam and the American ship. The Red iceberg has already seized other nations of western Europe and Asia and will potentially capture America as well.

   This source was most likely made at the start of the Cold War. After World War II, the Soviet Union created an “Iron Curtain” across Europe, forcing countries to adopt communist governments loyal to the Soviet Union. This expansion threatened American foreign policy interests, which caused Americans to adopt negative perceptions toward the Soviet Union even though the two nations had recently been allies against Hitler in World War II.