## SAS QL#196 Why was the Marshall Plan effective?

**Part 1: The Marshall Plan**

Use Site 1 to answer the following.

1. What was the Marshall Plan designed to accomplish?

1. What fear motivated the U.S. decision to enact this plan?

1. Who was George Marshall?

1. How much economic aid did the United States provide to Western Europe in the four years of the Marshall Plan?

1. What was Marshall Plan aid money used for?

**Part 2: Marshall Plan Aid**

Use Sites 2 and 3 to answer the following.

1. Describe four examples of economic aid provided by the Marshall Plan.

1. According to the chart listing grants and loans by country, how much total aid did the United Kingdom (Great Britain) receive (in millions of dollars)?
2. What other countries received significant monetary assistance from the Marshall Plan?

**Part 3: Soviet Opposition to the Marshall Plan**

Use Site 3 and 4 to answer the following questions.

1. Why did the Soviet Union oppose the Marshall Plan and which Eastern European countries did it prevent from receiving aid?

1. Examine the cartoon "Can He Block It?" at Site 4. What message does the cartoon illustrate?

**Part 4**

For homework, imagine that it is 1952. Congress is meeting in special session to discuss the effectiveness of the Marshall Plan. Write a letter to your congressman explaining why you think that the Marshall Plan was a wise investment. Use specific examples from your investigation of postwar Europe along with what you know about the Marshall Plan programs and the Soviet reaction to it.

Be sure that your letter demonstrates your understanding of the answer to the Focus Question: Why was the Marshall Plan effective?