Origins of the Cold War History Lab

Cold War Begins – Signs of Cooperation

A1. During World War II, were the United States and the Soviet Union both Allied Powers, both Axis Powers, or

 on opposite sides?

A2. What future plans did Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill agree upon at their meeting at Yalta?

Cold War Begins – United Nations

B1. What was the purpose of the United Nations?

B2. What did the UN Charter do?

Cold War Begins – US Soviet Divisions

C1. How did the experience of World War II cause the Soviet Union to seek security?

C2. What did Soviet leaders expect would happen to communism and capitalism over time?

C3. What political and economic system does the United States follow?

C4. How did the United States believe their system could prevail over socialism?

Cold War Begins –

D1. What are the Soviet “satellites”?

D2. What does Churchill’s “Iron Curtain” symbolize?

D3. Describe the Truman Doctrine.

D4. What is the Marshall Plan?

D5. What is the goal of the Marshall Plan?

D6. How did the Soviet Union react when the Western allies announced plans to combine their German occupation zones into a new West German state?

D7. What did the Soviet Union’s plan achieve?

Cold War Begins – The Lines Harden

E1. How was the Cold War carried out? (What tactics were used?)

E2. What is NATO and why was it formed?

E3. How did the Soviets respond to the creation of NATO?

China’s Communist Path – China in the Cold War

F1. Why did the victory of communism in China take both the United States and the Soviet Union by surprise?

F2. Why did the United States hope that China would reject Soviet influence?

China’s Communist Path –Mao’s Revolutionary Policies

G1. How did Mao restructure the Chinese economy in the early 1950s?

G2. What was the “Great Leap Forward,” and what did it achieve?

China’s Communist Path – Shifting Course

H1. How did the Great Leap Forward affect Mao’s reputation?

H2. How did relations between China and the Soviet Union change after the death of Joseph Stalin?

China’s Communist Path – Cultural Revolution

I1. How did the Great Leap Forward lead to the Cultural Revolution?

I2. What happened during the Cultural Revolution?

Cold War Conflicts- War in Korea

J1. How did Korea become divided into a communist north and noncommunist south?

J2. How did the conflict between North and South Korea draw in the superpowers?

Cold War Conflicts – The Vietnam War

K1. How did the superpowers become involved in Vietnam?

K2. Why was the United States unable to achieve victory in the Vietnam War?

Cold War Conflicts – Troubles in Latin America

L1. How did Cuba draw the United States and the Soviet Union into conflict?

L2. How did events in Cuba make the world teeter on the brink of nuclear war in 1962?

L3. Who are the Sandinistas?

L4. Who are the Contras?

L5. Describe the outcome of the Contra war.

Cold War Conflicts

M1. Which sub-Saharan nations were caught up in the Cold War struggle between the two superpowers?

M2. How did Congo get caught up in the Cold War?

End of the Cold War – Challenges to Soviet Power

N1. How did Hungarians try to resist Soviet domination?

N2. Why did the Soviet Union build the Berlin Wall in 1961?

End of the Cold War – Easing Cold War Tensions

O1. Which nation held the edge in the arms race until the late 1960s?

O2. Why did the United States and the Soviet Union embrace the idea of détente in the 1970s?

End of the Cold War – The Afghan War

P1. Why was the Soviet system in crisis in the late 1980s?

P2. What were perestroika and glasnost?

End of the Cold War – After the Cold War

 Q1. How did Mikhail Gorbachev’s reforms affect relations with the Soviet Union’s Eastern European satellite nations?

Q2. Why was 1989 a significant turning point in the Cold War?