

The Cold War

Student Notes

Topic: Causes

- **After World War II**

- The United States became leader of _____
- The Soviet Union was a _____ country that continued to _____
- Soviet Union was frustrated about _____ Russians dying during WWII
 - Russia was enraged the Americans and British _____
 - Toward the end of WWII, the U.S. also _____

- **Reflection:**

- Why do you think tensions were so high between the United States and Soviet Union (Russia)? _____
- How do these events relate to our world today? _____

Topic: 1945

- **Potsdam**

- The "Big 3" (leaders of _____, _____, and _____) met in Potsdam, Germany
- Allies from WWII agreed to divide Germany into 4 _____
- These countries were to control the zones until all _____ officials were arrested and a leader/president was _____
 - This was followed by _____.
 - _____ decided to elect a _____ to control their zone (going against the plans)
 - Soviets wanted control of Eastern Europe as a "_____"

- **Reflection:**

- Why do you think Germany was split up into 4 "occupational zones"? _____
- How do you think USA, Great Britain, and France felt when Russia didn't follow the plan? _____

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Topic: 1949

- **NATO**

- NATO was created to _____ and _____ the Western Allie's military (12 nations) to a possible invasion from _____
- Warsaw Pact Allies
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- NATO today contains _____ countries
- Reflection:
 - What do you think NATO does in today's world? _____
 - Do you think NATO is beneficial for the world? Why or why not? _____

- **Chinese Civil War (1927 - _____)**

- The civil war was fought because of differences in _____
- Involved two parties:
 - _____
 - _____
- _____ won the civil war and took over the government
 - _____ became leader and declared China as the _____ (PRC)
 - Still named this today
- The _____ (KMT) lost the civil war and moved to modern day _____
 - Taiwan and China still have _____ to this day
- Reflection:
 - How does the Chinese Civil War related to the United States TODAY? _____
 - What do you think will happen if China (PRC) and Taiwan don't resolve their conflict? _____

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Topic: 1950-1953

• Korean War

- _____ side (North Korea, China, Soviet Union)
 - Desired to conquer the Korean Peninsula and spread _____
- _____ side (United Nations, United States, United Kingdom)
 - Fought to prevent the communist nations from _____
- The battles went back and forth with each side winning then losing
- Battle of the _____
 - Chinese troops attacked the _____ army
 - British were _____ outnumbered, but held strong for _____ against the Chinese forces
 - This gave time for the _____ forces to strengthen their line in South Korea to prevent the _____ from moving further south
 - UN forces set up a _____ with strategic bombing
 - U.S. bombs devastated North Korea, killing countless _____ and destroyed about _____% of its buildings
- Armistice is an _____
 - After two years of negotiations, an armistice was agreed to
 - The armistice stopped the fighting, but no _____ has ever been signed between North Korea and South Korea
 - Conflict between North Korea and South Korea _____
- Reflection:
 - Do you think the Korean War was a success? Why or why not? _____

 - How do you think the Korean War affected our world today? _____

Topic: 1958-1962

• Cuban Missile Crisis

- U.S. spy planes photographed Soviet Union building _____ in Cuba
- The world was on the brink of a _____!

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- USA (President _____) decided to _____ Cuba, stationing U.S. naval ships all around the island
 - Soviet ships had to turn around and return to Russia
- Soviet Union promised to _____
- USA agreed to _____
- Reflection:
 - What do you think would've happened if the U.S. spy plane didn't find the USSR nuclear sites in Cuba? _____
 - How does this relate to the world today? _____

Topic: 1983

- “Scare of 1983”
 - NATO was performing a military “_____”
 - Soviet Union interpreted this as the _____ getting ready to strike first on _____

Topic: 1989

- The Berlin Wall
 - Germany was still _____ in two occupational zones
 - Berlin had a wall that divided East Germany (_____ control) and West Germany (_____ control)
 - President _____ stood at the Berlin Wall and challenged (in front of the world) the Soviet leader to _____
 - 18 months later, Germans celebrated as their compatriots _____

Topic: 1991

- The Fall of USSR
 - Berlin Wall Domino Effect
 - The uprising in Berlin, with the symbolizing of the Berlin Wall falling, _____ many

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- Leaders of every _____ nation were overthrown by popular uprisings by the end of 1989
- December 8, 1991
 - The _____ finally collapsed
 - _____ independent nations were created from USSR
 - After _____ long years, the Cold War was over, marking the longest war in U.S. history!
- Reflection:
 - Why do you think the USSR falling was significant? _____

 - How has this affected the world today? _____

Topic: TODAY

- Tensions between the _____ and _____ continue today
 - They continue to build up their _____ and _____ against each other on world issues
- Reflection:
 - What do you think is going to happen in the upcoming years? _____

 - How do you think the U.S. should handle this situation? _____

