

Placing Cold War Conflict - Student Response Guide

Link to Story Map Journal: <https://arcg.is/Xn0je>

Where and how did the United States and the Soviet Union find themselves in direct conflict in the years following World War II?

Observe, Reflect, and Question

- Describe who is in the image below and in the image to the right?
- What places and images does the image to the right show?
- How does the image below compare to image to the right?

Potsdam Conference - How did the Potsdam Conference signal the end of WWII while also foreshadowing the beginning of the Cold War?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the map:

- What does this map show? What do the colors represent? (click on the map or open the legend)
- Why was this map created?
- Why is this map significant?

Click on the link to read an overview of the Potsdam Conference to answer the following questions:

- How did the conference propose to deal with Germany?
- What revelation about the strength of the U.S. was revealed between Truman and Stalin?

- What was the Potsdam Declaration?
- How might the conference have led to tensions between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.?

Dropping the Iron Curtain - To what extent was Churchill's speech made in Missouri a turning point in world history?

How did the "Iron Curtain Speech" draw a line through Europe? (click the link to see)

Click the link to view Winston Churchill's "Sinews of Peace" speech.

- What is behind the iron curtain?
- Who controls the "soviet sphere"?
- Why is Germany vulnerable at this time in 1945 to Soviet Communist influence?
- What is Churchill repulsed by? What is his hope for the future?

World War II Recovery & First Conflicts - What actions did the United States take to aid Europe's recovery from World War II and to combat the spread of Soviet influence?

Observe, Reflect, and Question

- What is the format of the image?
- What message do you think the creator is trying to convey?

Click on the links to examine the Truman Doctrine.

- What specific locations does the doctrine focus on first? Why do you think this is?
- How does the domino theory reflect the purpose of the Truman Doctrine?

Click on the links to examine the Marshall Plan and the Marshall Plan map.

- How is the Marshall Plan a continuation of the Truman Doctrine?
- Where does the majority of the support from the plan go?
- Why might the plan have led to conflict?

Click the link to read about The Berlin Crisis of 1948-49.

- What actions did the Soviet Union take to control Berlin?
- How did the U.S. and U.K. respond?
- What were the results of the crisis and airlift?

Establishment of NATO - How did western nations respond to the aggression of the Soviets in Germany?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the Signing of the Washington Treaty video.

- What locations are shown on the map?
- Why do you think this projection of the globe is shown?

- What does NATO stand for?
- What is the common goal that brought the nations together?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the Description of NATO video.

- What is the title of the video?
- How does this title reflect NATO's purpose?
- Who produced and distributed this video?

Click the link [Reaction of the Soviet Union](#) - Read the map note and observe the image for NATO headquarters in Brussels:

- What is the reaction of the Soviet Union?
- What is the message conveyed in the image?

The U.S.S.R. Counters - How did the Soviet Union react to the actions of the United States in the decade following World War II?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the map (first close the pop-up).

- Where in Europe were the Warsaw Pact nations?
- What geographic reasons might the U.S.S.R. "encourage" these particular nations to join?

Read the introduction and articles 1-2 of the Warsaw Pact to answer the following questions:

- What is the full name of the treaty?
- Why was this alliance created as specified in the treaty?

Space Race - What role did Cold War nationalism play in scientific advancements?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the image.

- Who is in the image to the right?
- What is the meaning of the words seen in the image?
- What emotions and messages is this image trying to convey?

Click the link to view a video report of the launch.

- What types of images do you see in the video?
- What spatial range is shown for Sputnik?
- Why is this event significant? How do you think the U.S. responded?

Observe, Reflect, and Question a video of a speech President Kennedy made in 1961, six weeks after Soviet Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space.

- Who do you believe is the intended audience?
- What is the purpose of this speech?

The Rise of the Berlin Wall - Why was the Berlin Wall in Germany the symbol of conflict between the U.S.S.R. and the United States?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the image.

- What physical features are in the image?
- How does this image reflect the end of WWII and beginning of the Cold War?

Read this article, *Cold War in Berlin*, to answer the questions:

- What events led to the building of the Berlin Wall?
- How did Kennedy react to Khrushchev at the Vienna Summit?
- How does the construction of the wall limit the movement from one side to the other?
- What actions did Kennedy take after the building of the wall?

Click the link to read part of a confidential report on information gathered from would-be refugees attempting to escape during the early months of the Berlin Wall from Sept. 28—Oct. 5, 1961.

- What is this document? What is the purpose?
- How did the building of the Berlin Wall impact the people of the city?

Click the link to watch the JFK - Christmas Message - 1961

- Who is the intended audience of this video?
- What message is JFK trying to send?
- Who or what are you surprised is not mentioned in the video?

Cuban Missile Crisis - How close did the United States and Soviet Union come to engaging in nuclear war?

Complete the following Map Inquiry by analyzing the map using the tool bar.

Ask – Why did the U.S. become involved in Cuba?

- Click the button, Layers, turn on map layers and turn off Jupiter Missiles and Nike Sites
 - Use the search tool bar to find Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
 - What do you already know about Guantanamo Bay?
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- Click on the Map Note and read the note before clicking on the image of the U.S. flag being raised.
 - What gains did the U.S. make from their involvement in the Spanish American War in Cuba?

Acquire – How did the U.S. respond to the rise of Soviet nuclear technology in the 1950s?

- Click the button, Bookmarks, Choose Europe
 - Click on the Map Note in Italy. What had the U.S. placed in Italy by 1959?
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- Click the button, Measure, Choose Distance
 - How far approximately were the missiles in Italy from Moscow?
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- Click the button, Layers, Turn on the layer for Jupiter Missile Range.
 - Why would the Soviet Union be concerned? Describe the Range of the missiles.
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- Click the button, Bookmarks, Choose North America
 - Click the button, Layers, Turn on the Layer for Nike Sites in the U.S. Project Nike created an anti-aircraft missile system to counter missiles launched at the U.S. Why do you think the specific sites were chosen? When were most of the sites decommissioned?

Explore – Why did direct conflict almost break out between the U.S. and Soviet Union over Cuba?

- Click the button, Bookmarks, Choose Cuba
- Click the button, Measure, Choose Distance
- How far approximately is Cuba from the United States?

- Click on the map note near Havana. What did the U.S. surveillance planes reveal in October of 1962?
- Click on the aerial photograph on the Map Note and read the overview. How did Kennedy respond to the Soviet actions in Cuba?

Analyze – What was the nature of the relationship between the leaders of the U.S. and Soviet Union?

- Click the button, Home
- Click on the map notes at the capitals of the U.S. and the Soviet Union. What were the names of the leaders? How did they communicate?
- Click on the image for the Moscow map note. How did the Soviet leader respond to the naval quarantine/blockade?

Act – How did the Cuban Missile Crisis end?

- Click and read the map note in Turkey. What type of ending occurred?
- Why do you think there was not direct nuclear war?

Using the Library of Congress Revelations from the Russian Archives, scroll down and read the overview of the Cuban Missile Crisis to answer the following questions:

- Why did Khrushchev place missiles in Cuba?
- What was Kennedy's response?
- Why do you think the leaders were willing to negotiate?

- What were the results of the negotiations?

Click the link to watch the video, *To the Brink JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis* based on White House tapes.

- What locations are discussed in the video?
- What do the Americans not know when these tapes were made?

Engagement Through Proxy - Why is the Cold War considered a global conflict?

Explore the pop-ups for the U.S. Cold War Conflicts you have not examined before. Click on the U.S. Cold War Intervention Countries and read the Map Notes. Use the links to zoom to specific regions.

- What types of actions did the U.S. take to intervene against the spread of Communism?
- Why do you think the locations represented on the map grabbed the attention of the U.S. government?

1971 Soviet Point of View - Click the link to view a translated document from the Russian Archives.

- What type of document is this?
- What events influenced this document?
- What specific locations are mentioned in this document?
- Why was this document created? How did the Soviet Union view the domino theory?

Response to Afghanistan - How did the Cold War impact international peaceful competition?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the map.

- What would be the geographic advantage of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?
- Why would the U.S. be concerned?

Click the link to watch President Carter's response to the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan.

- How did President Carter respond?
- What actions would the U.S. take?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the image from the Library of Congress.

- What symbols are in the image? Who is in the image? (Click the link for information about Sakharov)
- Who is the most likely audience for this image?
- What was the most likely reason for the creation of this image?

The Cold War Comes to an End – When and where did the Cold War end? What events signified the end of the Cold War?

Read the map note and watch the Reagan Speech - "Tear Down this Wall"

- Where is President Reagan standing? Why is this significant?

- Who is the President addressing?

- How does the audience react? Why do you think this is so?

Observe, Reflect, and Question the Two-Plus Four, 1990 document

- What type of document is this? Why is it known as the Two-Plus Four Agreement?
- What is the purpose of this document?
- Why is this document significant in terms of the U.S. and Soviet Union rivalry?

View the map to identify the countries that emerged from the Soviet Union.