**Paper 2: Superpower Relations and the Cold War**

**Read the five facts.**

**Answer the questions.**

**Tick the facts to show you have used them.**

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| **Why did the Cold War start?** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | The Cold War was between two countries. The USA and USSR (also known as Russia or the Soviet Union). |  |
| **2** | The first reason they had a war was because of different ideas about running a country. USA liked people to have their own money and get better on their own; the USSR liked everyone to have the same power and money and get better together. |  |
| **3** | In 1943 the USA and USSR had a meeting to talk about how to defeat Adolf Hitler. They both wanted to stop Hitler so they worked together to do this. |  |
| **4** | In 1945 the USA and USSR had another meeting. By this time Hitler had been stopped and so the USA and USSR were not getting on with each other anymore. They started to argue over who would control Europe next. |  |
| **5** | The USA and USSR then started to set up organisations that made it clear they were on different sides. The USA set up NATO and the USSR set up the Warsaw Pact. The USA gave money to other countries and the USSR started to control the money in other countries. |  |

**Question 1** – Give one reason why the USA and the USSR did not “get on”.

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**Question 2 –** Give one more reason why the USA and the USSR did not “get on”.

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**Challenge: Explain why you think the Cold War started.**

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| **The Berlin Blockade, June 1948** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | Berlin had been divided into four zones – 3 were controlled by capitalist countries (France, Britain and USA) and 1 was controlled by a communist country (USSR). |  |
| **2** | German had also been divided into four zones, just like Berlin. Berlin was the capital of Germany and so was a very important place. Berlin was inside the USSR’s zone of Germany. |  |
| **3** | Stalin, the leader of the USSR, was worried about the other three zones in Berlin ganging up on him. He did not like the idea of the 3 zones joining together. |  |
| **4** | The USA, Britain and France zones joined together. This made Stalin angry and so he blocked off all the routes into Berlin. This made it impossible for the USA, Britain and France to get to their zones in Berlin. |  |
| **5** | The USA started to fly supplies into their zone of Berlin. Stalin could not do anything because if he had shot down the planes it would have started a war. After one year Stalin opened up the routes into Berlin again. |  |

**Question 1** – Why did Stalin block the routes into Berlin?

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**Question 2 –** What did the USA do to solve the problem of being blocked from getting into Berlin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: How did the Berlin Blockade make the relationship between the USA and the USSR worse?**

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| **The Hungarian Uprising, November 1956** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | In 1953 Stalin (the leader of the USSR) died. He had been a very harsh and strict leader of all the Soviet satellite states. |  |
| **2** | The new leader, Khrushchev, said he wanted to make life a little bit easier for people living in the USSR and places like Hungary (one of the Soviet satellite states). |  |
| **3** | In Hungary, a new leader called Nagy started to make changes. He wanted to keep Hungary as a communist country, but just make it easier to live there. |  |
| **4** | Khrushchev did not like what Nagy was doing in Hungary. Khrushchev was worried if Hungary made lots of changes then other satellite states (like Czechoslovakia or Poland) might also want to make changes. |  |
| **5** | Khrushchev sent in lots of troops. The troops stopped Nagy from making any more changes. Nagy was replaced with another leader and 5,000 Hungarians were killed. The USA did not help Hungary against the USSR. |  |

**Question 1** – Why did Nagy start to make changes in Hungary?

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**Question 2 –** How did Khrushchev react to Nagy making these changes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: How did the Hungarian Uprising effect the relationship between the USA and the USSR?**

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| **The Berlin Wall, 12 August 1961** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | People who lived in east Berlin could see that people in west Berlin had an easier and better life. So they started to move from east Berlin (communist/USSR) to the west (capitalist/USA). |  |
| **2** | The leader of the USSR, Khrushchev, was worried about losing all of his best workers. It was called the “Brain Drain” because it was usually the clever and skilled people who were moving. |  |
| **3** | Khrushchev told the USA that he wanted to stop this from happening and that he wanted all American soldiers out of Berlin. The USA refused to do this, even after lots of meetings. |  |
| **4** | Khrushchev ordered a wall to be built between the east and west of Berlin. It divided the city in half and stopped anyone from moving. The wall became a symbol of the division during the war |  |
| **5** | The wall suggested that the USSR had to force people to stay in a communist country. This made the USA look better than the USSR. The wall was finally taken down in 1989, at the end of the war. |  |

**Question 1** – Why did Khrushchev build the Berlin Wall?

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**Question 2 –** How did the wall make each side appear? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: How did the building of the Berlin Wall effect the relationship between the USA and the USSR?**

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| **Cuban Missile Crisis, October 1962** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | In 1959 Cuba changed the leader of the country. It changed from a leader who was close to the USA to a leader who was close to the USSR. |  |
| **2** | The new leader was called Fidel Castro. He was a communist and set up a communist country in Cuba. This was a problem for the USA because Cuba was very close to America. |  |
| **3** | The USSR had good links with Cuba and started to send equipment to Cuba to help them to build missile launchers. This worried the USA. |  |
| **4** | In 1962 the USA found out that there were boats heading to Cuba with missiles on. The missiles could then be fired at the USA. President Kennedy put a ring of boats around Cuba and told the USSR not to cross that line. |  |
| **5** | At the last minutes the boats turned around and a war was avoided. After the crisis a direct phone line between the USSR and the USA was set up. This meant they could now talk to each other directly, rather than getting to a war again. |  |

**Question 1** – Why did Cuba become a threat for the USA?

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**Question 2 –** Describe two things that happened during the Cuban Missiles Crisis (1962). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: How did the Cuban Missile Crisis effect the relationship between the USA and the USSR?**

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| **Prague Spring (Czechoslovakia), August 1968** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | Alexander Dubcek became the new leader of Czechoslovakia in 1968. He was good friends with the leader of the USSR, Brezhnev. |  |
| **2** | Brezhnev hoped that Dubcek would be a good and loyal leader of Czechoslovakia. However, Dubcek started to make reforms and change how Czechoslovakia was run. |  |
| **3** | The reforms in Czechoslovakia became known as the Prague Spring (Prague is the capital of Czechoslovakia). There were some people who were worried about Dubcek getting rid of communism. |  |
| **4** | Brezhnev sent soldiers into Czechoslovakia to stop the reforms and changes. Dubcek was arrested and a new leader was put in charge. |  |
| **5** | Brezhnev also wrote a list of new rules for Czechoslovakia and the other satellite states. These rules were known as the Brezhnev Doctrine. Brezhnev made it much harder for any states to reform, change or break away from the control of the USSR. |  |

**Question 1** – Who was Alexander Dubcek?

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**Question 2 –** What did Brezhnev do to stop the Prague Spring? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: What do you think the USA would have thought about the Prague Spring and how the USSR stopped it?**

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| **USSR invasion of Afghanistan, December 1979** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | Afghanistan is a country in a different part of the world to Europe. It is in Asia. The leader of Afghanistan was a communist and so was close to the USSR. |  |
| **2** | In 1979 the communist leader of Afghanistan was replaced with a new leader who was not close to the USSR. |  |
| **3** | The USSR sent soldiers into Afghanistan and the new leader was killed. The USSR kept their soldiers in Afghanistan for the next 10 years to keep control. |  |
| **4** | The USA was worried about what the USSR did and said they would not trade with the USSR any more. Also the USA refused to go to the Olympic in 1980 because it was being held in Russia. |  |
| **5** | The USSR invasion of Afghanistan ruined the plans that had been put in place during the 1970s. The plans had been to make peace between the USA and the USSR and try to end the Cold War. |  |

**Question 1** – Why did the USSR invade Afghanistan?

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**Question 2 –** What did the USA do after the USSR invaded Afghanistan? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: How did the USSR invading Afganistan effect the relationship between the USA and the USSR?**

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| **Why did the Cold War end?** | | |
|  | **What are the most important facts for today?** | **Have I used this fact in an answer?** |
| **1** | During the 1970s both the USA and the USSR decided that they should work towards peace and an end to the war. They made agreements to stop attacking each other and also stop building missiles. This period was called détente. |  |
| **2** | During the 1980s the USA had a new leader called Ronald Reagan. He wanted to stop the USSR and described them as “evil”. |  |
| **3** | Ronald Reagan also started to spend more money on weapons and the army in the USA. People in America designed a system that could shoot lasers at missiles which would stop the USSR being able to attack America. |  |
| **4** | During the 1980s the USSR had a new leader called Mikhail Gorbachev. He thought that life in the USSR should be easier and people should be allowed more freedom. |  |
| **5** | When Gorbachev said that he wanted people in the USSR to be freer, the Soviet satellite states started to make changes. Lots of Soviet satellite states set up new governments that were no communist. After this the USSR fell apart. The Cold War ended. |  |

**Question 1** – What did Ronald Reagan do?

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**Question 2 –** What did Mikhail Gorbachev do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge: Why did the Cold War come to an end?**

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