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| The Cold War  1945 - 1990 |
| Beginning in 1945, the Cold War was a period of distrust and misunderstanding between the Soviet Union and its former allies in the west…mainly the United States.  The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emerged as the world’s 2 “Superpowers” |
| **What is a “cold” war?**   * Tension and competition between opposing nations that never involves actual direct fighting between those countries |
| **After World War II...**   * Germany is divided in 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ zones * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: USA’s policy to contain communism * Defense Alliances * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: North Atlantic Treaty Organization * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: pact for the satellite countries of the Soviet Union |
| **What happens in the Cold War?**   * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: competition between the US and the Soviet Union to launch satellites and land on the moon first * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: competition for the most weapons (nuclear weapons) * Competition for Land and Influence   + Democratic countries vs. Communist countries |
| **Two features symbolized the separation between communism in the East and democracy in the West:**   1. Iron Curtain: imaginary dividing line between Communist Eastern and Democratic Western Europe (Ideological border) 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: wall built to divide East and West Germany in 1961 |
| **The Berlin Wall**   * Built throughout the night on August 13, 1961 * Built to stop travel out of communist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Germany   + After it was built, thousands tried to escape; hundreds died trying it |
| **Mikhail Gorbachev**   * Leader of the Soviet Union who came to power in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * Represented a change in the Soviet Union   + Wanted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ economy and decrease military * Gorbachev said if there were rebellions abroad, he would not stop them |
| **Fall of the Berlin Wall**   * In **1989**, there were weeks of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and unrest in East Germany   + East Germany’s communist government finally relaxed its travel rules     - German citizens began to take apart the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * **November 9, 1989**: **Berlin Wall is opened** * **October 3, 1990**: **East and West Germany are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **End of the Soviet Union**   * In 1989, a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ overthrew communist governments   + Gorbachev did not send in troops to stop it * **The USSR formally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in December 1991** |