

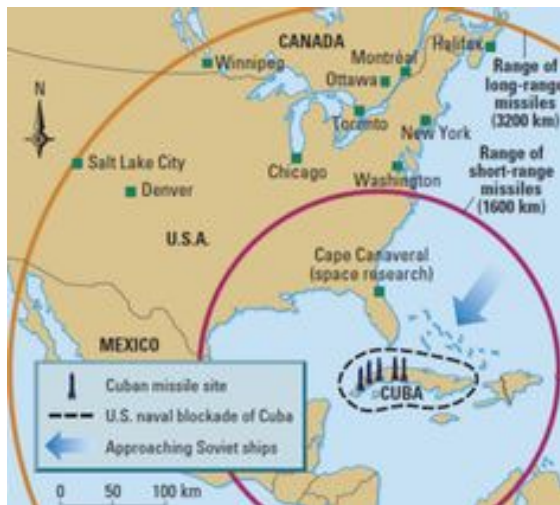
History Year 9 Summer Term 1 'Knowledge Organiser': The Cold War Years.



Summary:

A Cold War developed between the two superpowers, USA and USSR, following the ending of World War Two. As a result, the world was divided into two spheres of influence, Capitalism and Communism. This situation meant that the world appeared to be on the brink of war, made more dangerous by the development of nuclear weapons.

Capitalism	Economic and political system controlled by private owners for profit.
Communism	All property and means of production is owned by the community. People receive according to their ability and need.
Cold War	Period of international tension between the USA and the USSR after 1945.
Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD)	A situation when two countries with nuclear weapons and have the capacity to destroy each other.
Nuclear Proliferation	The spread of nuclear weapons.
Sphere of influence	A region which is under the influence of another state
Superpower	A very powerful and influential nation. Particular reference to the USA and USSR after WWII as they had nuclear weapons.



Key Words.

Blockade	Sealing off a place to prevent anything from entering or leaving.
Bolshevik	Communist Party who led the USSR
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Red Army	Official name of the Soviet army (USSR)
Satellite State	A state that was under the political, military or economic influence of another country.
Truman Doctrine	An American foreign policy aimed at containing communism to stop it spreading and threatening western states.
United Nations	Organisation established after WWII to maintain international peace and security through co-operation.
Warsaw Pact	Defence Treaty signed in Warsaw by Eastern states in the Soviet sphere of influence.

Key people.

Franklin Roosevelt	US President until 1945
Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the USSR 1924 - 1953
Harry Truman	President of the USA 1945-1953
Winston Churchill	British Prime Minister 1940 – 1945 and 1951 - 1955
Clement Attlee	British Prime Minister 1945 - 51
Nikita Khrushchev	General Secretary of the USSR 1953 - 1964
John F. Kennedy	American President January 1961 to November 1963.
Fidel Castro	Prime Minister and then President of Cuba from 1955

Timeline:

1945	The end of World War Two
1947	Truman Doctrine and Marshall Aid
1948-9	Berlin Blockade
1949	NATO established
1955	Warsaw Pact established by the USSR
1961	Berlin Wall construction began
1962	Cuban Missile Crisis.
1963	Test Ban Treaty and Hot Line set up.



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