

COLD WAR TIMELINE

Your teacher will highlight the important dates for you to remember.

- 1945 Feb. Yalta Conference
- May World War II ends in Europe.
- Aug. U.S. drops an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.
Potsdam Conference - Truman - Stalin and British divide up Europe

- 1946 Jan. First East European Communist government set up in Albania.

- 1947 Jan. Communists seize power in Poland.
- March Truman Doctrine announced.

- 1948 June Berlin Airlift begins (ends May 19, 1949)

- 1949 April North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established.
- Aug. Soviet Union explodes its first atomic bomb.
- Oct. Communists win Chinese Civil War.

- 1950 June U.S. and other U.N. members fight North Korean forces.
(the Korean War ends July 27, 1953)

- 1953 Aug. U.S. sponsored coup overthrows Iranian government.

- 1954 June U.S. sponsored coup overthrows Guatemalan government.
- Sept. Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed.

- 1955 May Warsaw Pact formed.
- July First Summit Meeting between President Dwight Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

- 1956 Nov. Red Army crushes the Hungarian Revolution.

- 1957 Oct. Soviets launch first man-made satellite.

- 1959 Feb. Fidel Castro becomes premier of Cuba, installs Communist government.

- 1961 Apr. Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.
- Aug. East Germany builds Berlin Wall.

- 1962 June Sino-Soviet Conflict begins.
- Oct. Cuban Missile Crisis.

- 1964 Oct. China explodes its first atomic bomb.

- 1965 April U.S. sends troops to the Dominican Republic.
- Aug. U.S. commits combat troops to South Vietnam.

- 1968 Aug. Soviet Red Army crushes Czech Uprising.

- 1972 Feb. President Richard Nixon visits China.
- 1973 Sept. U.S. supported coup overthrows Chilean government.
- 1975 Apr. South Vietnam falls to Communist forces.
- 1976 Feb. Soviet and Cuban forces help install Communist government in Angola.
- 1979 Jan. U.S. and China establish diplomatic relations.
Dec. Soviet Red Army invades Afghanistan
- 1980 Aug. Polish shipyard workers strike, Solidarity Union formed.
- 1983 Dec. U.S. invades Grenada.
- 1985 Mar. Mikhail Gorbachev becomes leader of the Soviet Union, the following year he declares *glasnost* and *perestroika*.
- 1989 May Led by university students, over one million Chinese in Tiananmen Square demand reforms by the Chinese Communist government.
Sept. Solidarity forms the first post-war non-Communist government in Poland
Oct. Hungary declares a non-Communist government.
Nov. East Germany allows unrestricted migration to West Germany.
Dec. Berlin Wall is demolished.
- 1990 May George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev agree to the reunification of Germany in
1994
- 1991 Aug. Hard-line Communists stage unsuccessful coup against Mikhail Gorbachev.
Dec. The Soviet Union is abolished. Boris Yeltsin becomes President of Russia.