

Damage caused by WW2
 Rise of superpowers
 Conflicting ideologies
 Communism + Capitalism

The Truman Doctrine March 1947

America was becoming increasingly alarmed by the growth of Soviet power. Truman said it was Americas job to stop communism from growing any stronger.

Life In Divided Germany

It is well known that many East Berliners had a recurrent dream about flying over the Wall. The economy: you couldn't buy the things you needed with the money you earned, simply because the things weren't there. Western Germany was capitalist; people had more rights and an easier life. Easterners wanted to move to the West because of harsh laws, and that the Westerners were given a better

Lead to Cold War

Potsdam Conference July/ August 1945

Number of changes, allied leaders relationship affected, tensions rising.

The Iron Curtain March 1946

A failure to find a complete agreement at Potsdam caused tension. Separated Democratic and Communist states of Europe.

NATO July 1949

Military alliance, contained most Western Europe states, main purpose was to defend each of its members from attack.

life style. Tensions remained high between the sides, yet there wasn't much people could do. Any easterners trying to escape to the west (past the wall) would get shot by the Soviets, while western Germany would support their escape.

Timeline of Key Events

1945

Hitler dies.

Yalta Conference February 1945

Allied leaders decided how Germany would be treated after WW2. All leaders got on well.

Breakdown of USA and USSR Alliance 1945 - 1945

Breakdown caused by different political and economic systems of USSR and USA.

1945 - 1965

Marshall Aid is announced June 1947

This was a programme of US economic aid for the reconstruction of post-World War II Europe.

Warsaw Pact May 1955

West Germany joins NATO. Soviets response was to set up Warsaw Pact – a Communist version of NATO.

Change of Leaders

Stalin → Khrushchev (USSR)
 Truman → Kennedy (USA)

1965

Winston Churchill loses British election, replaced by Clement Atlee.

Death of Roosevelt April 1945

Roosevelt succeeded by Harry Truman.

Soviet Expansion in Eastern Europe

To the British and Americans, Stalin seemed to be trying to build up a Communist empire.

The Berlin Blockade and Airlift June 1948

The blockade was a Soviet attempt to starve out the allies in Berlin in order to gain supremacy. The blockade was a high point in the cold war, which led to the Berlin Airlift.

Construction of Berlin Wall begins August 1961

The construction of the Berlin Wall was perhaps the most concrete symbol of the divisions between the 'communist world' and the 'free world'.