

C8: A World Divided – Superpower Relations 1945-62

[a] Study these events which occurred in superpower relations between 1945 and 1962.

Assassination of President Kennedy	Creation of Warsaw Pact	Building of the Berlin Wall	Cuban missile crisis	Armistice ending Korean War
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Write these events in the correct chronological sequence. [3]

[b] Choose either

Outbreak of Korean War 1950

or

Khrushchev's emergence as leader of the Soviet Union, 1955

Describe one effect on US-Soviet relations of the event you have chosen.

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[c] Why did the Hungarian rising occur in 1956?

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[d] Study the source below and answer the question which follows.

Exchange between Eisenhower and Khrushchev at the Paris Summit, May 16 1960

Khrushchev: The President referred to Open Skies. I heard about Open Skies in Geneva in 1955. We declared then that we were opposed to it and I can repeat it now. We don't understand what devil pushed you into this provocative act just before the Conference.

Eisenhower: I do not know what decision the next president will make. However, the flights will not be resumed for the rest of my term of office.

Use the source, and your own knowledge, to explain why relations between the United States and the Soviet Union deteriorated between 1960 and 1962. [10]

(A) STUDY THESE EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE YEARS 1949-61.

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CREATION OF THE WARSAW PACT	KOREAN WAR	BUILDING OF THE BERLIN WALL	FORMATION OF NATO	HUNGARIAN RISING
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WRITE THESE EVENTS IN THE CORRECT CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE.

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(B) CHOOSE EITHER

THE KOREAN WAR

THE SETTING UP OF
NATO

DESCRIBE ONE EFFECT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
THE SOVIET UNION OF THE EVENT YOU HAVE CHOSEN.

[4]

(C) WHY HAD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION
IMPROVED BY 1955?

[8]

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(a) Study these events which occurred in the years 1945 to 1955.

Truman Doctrine	Formation of the Warsaw Pact	Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech	Potsdam Conference	Establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany
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Write these events in the correct chronological sequence. [3]

(b) Choose either

The Marshall Plan

or

The Berlin Blockade

Describe **one** effect on relations between the United States and the Soviet Union of the event you have chosen. [4]

(c) Why did the United States take military action in Korea in 1950? (8)

(d) Study the source below and then answer the question that follows.

In spite of the absence of tangible results, the Geneva Summit provided an opportunity for dialogue and created a climate of goodwill. There was talk of a 'spirit of Geneva' and at evening parties diplomats joked about 'co-existence cocktails – you know, vodka and coke'.

From a modern history textbook, 2002

Use the source and your own knowledge to explain why relations between the United States and the Soviet Union changed in the years 1953-55.

(10)

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[a] Study these events which occurred in superpower relations between 1945 and 1962.

Winston Churchill's 'iron curtain' speech	Death of Stalin	Formation of NATO	Death of Franklin Roosevelt	Communist coup in Czechoslovakia
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Write these events in the correct chronological sequence. [3]

[b] Choose either

US atomic
monopoly

or

Truman's
accession to US
presidency

Describe one effect on US-Soviet relations of the event you have chosen.

[4]

[c] Why did the United States announce the Marshall Plan in June 1947?

[8]

[d] Study the source below and answer the question which follows.

From *Truman*, David McCullough, 1992

On Thursday June 24th 1948 the Russians clamped a blockade on all rail, highway and water traffic in and out of Berlin. The situation was extremely dangerous. Truman said, 'We stay in Berlin, period.' On Monday June 28th Truman ordered a full-scale airlift. He later sent two squadrons of B-29s to Britain, the giant planes known to the world as the type that dropped the atomic bombs on Japan. But, in fact, these had not been modified to carry atomic bombs, a detail the Russians were not to know.

Use the source, and your own knowledge, to explain why relations between the United States and the Soviet Union deteriorated between 1947 and 1949. [10]

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(a) Study these events which occurred in the years 1945-49.

The Truman Doctrine	Creation of NATO	The Potsdam Conference	Winston Churchill's 'Iron Curtain' speech	Start of the Berlin Blockade
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Write these events in the correct chronological sequence. (3)

(b) Choose **either**

**Potsdam
Conference**

or

**Berlin
Blockade**

Describe **one** effect on relations between the USA and the Soviet Union of the event you have chosen.

(4)

(c) Why did President Truman launch the Marshall Plan in 1947? Explain your answer.

(8)

(d) Study the source below and answer the question which follows.

Source: From a modern textbook

During 1946 it became increasingly clear that Europe had been divided between capitalism in the west and communism in the east. Stalin, representing the East, and Churchill, representing the West, responded with a 'war of words', showing that the former allies now viewed each other with tremendous suspicion. This suspicion became an important part of the Cold War.

Use the source, and your own knowledge, to explain why a state of cold war existed between the United States and the Soviet Union by the end of 1947.

(10)

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- (a) Choose **either**
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| The Cuban Missile Crisis |
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- or**
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| Yalta Conference |
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Describe **one** effect on the relations between the United States and the Soviet Union of the event you have chosen.

[4]

- (b) Explain why the Soviet Union positioned MRBMs (medium-range ballistic missiles) on the island of Cuba in 1962.

[8]

- (d)

From a modern textbook

Robert Kennedy told Dobrynin [the Soviet ambassador in Washington] that JFK was prepared publicly to issue a non-invasion guarantee in return for the withdrawal of the Soviet missiles as suggested by Khrushchev in his first letter. ‘The greatest difficulty for the president is the public discussion of the issue of Turkey’, Robert Kennedy went on to warn Dobrynin.

Use the source and your own knowledge to explain why the Cuban missile crisis ended without a war breaking out between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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(d) Study the source below and then answer the question that follows.

Korea is a symbol to the watching world. If we allow Korea to fall within the Soviet orbit, the world will feel that we have lost another round in our match with the Soviet Union and our prestige and the hopes of those who place their faith in us will suffer accordingly.

Statement by the US State Department, 1950

Use the source and your own knowledge to explain why the United States sent troops to Korea in 1950.

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(a) Study these events which occurred between 1945 and 1949.

Berlin Blockade	Potsdam Conference	Truman Doctrine	Winston Churchill's 'iron curtain' speech	Marshall Plan
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Write these events in the correct chronological sequence.

[3]

(b) Choose **either**

US atomic
diplomacy 1945-
46

or

Creation of
Soviet sphere
of influence
1945-47

Describe **one** effect on US-Soviet relations of the event you have chosen.

(4)

(c) Why did the United States propose the Marshall Plan in 1947?

(8)

(d) Study the source below and then answer the question that follows.

From a modern textbook

An armistice ended the Korean War in July 1953. New superpower leaders were also now in place: Eisenhower started his term as US president in 1953 and Khrushchev won the power struggle to lead the Soviet Union. In 1955 the latter announced a policy of 'peaceful coexistence.'

Use the source and your own knowledge to explain why relations between the United States and the Soviet Union changed in the years 1950 to 1955.

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