**The Cold War in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s**

**I. THE COLD WAR WHEN STALIN WAS DICTATOR**

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_led the Soviet Union from 1927 to 1953

1. When the Cold War began, Stalin spread communism into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Eastern Europe

2. Stalin escalated the Cold War by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_West Berlin in 1948

3. Under Stalin, the USSR tested the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 1949 and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 1953

4. Stalin signed a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”with Chinese leader Mao Zedong after the Chinese Revolution

5. Stalin sent weapons to the communists in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_during the Korean War

B. Joseph Stalin’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 1953 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the Soviet Union and how it approached the Cold War against the US

**II. THE COLD WAR FROM 1953 TO 1980**

A. Nikita Khrushchev and De-Stalinization

1. New USSR leader Nikita Khrushchev began a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_known as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, which included releasing political prisoners and relaxing censorship

2. Khrushchev seemed willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the USA to ease Cold War tensions… However, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the USA and USSR would escalate throughout the 1950s and 1960s

a. Under Khrushchev, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_began

b. The creation of ICBMs led to the stockpiling of nuclear weapons during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. In 1961, John F. Kennedy became U.S. President; Kennedy and Khrushchev faced two important crises that heightened Cold War tensions: building of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1. BERLIN WALL, 1961**

a. Khrushchev was upset with the increasing number of communist East Germans who moved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. In 1961, Khrushchev threatened to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to West Berlin (like Stalin’s blockade in 1948). President Kennedy promised to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_West Berlin

c. Rather than use the Soviet military to blockade the city, Communist leaders built the Berlin Wall to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of West Berlin

d. The Berlin Wall became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Cold War

**2. CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, 1962**

a. When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_seized power in Cuba in 1959, the US feared the spread of communism close to America

b. After a failed attempt by the US to overthrow Castro, Khrushchev secretly sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to Cuba

c. The U.S. successfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cuba; Khrushchev removed the ICBMs from Cuba in exchange for the removal of American ICBMs in Europe

d. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was the closest the USA and USSR came to nuclear war

**C. VIETNAM WAR, 1965-1973**

1. From 1965 to 1973, the USA became involved in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was at first a fight between France and Vietnam

a. France made Vietnam a colony for many years, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the people and resources; the Vietnamese fought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of France

b. When communist leader Ho Chi Minh gained independence for Vietnam, the USA feared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Southeast Asia

c. Vietnam had become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: North Vietnam was communist, while South Vietnam was democratic

d. In South Vietnam, communists known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_worked to unify North and South Vietnam; to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the United States sent troops to Vietnam to support the South, starting in 1965

i. The American military used bombing raids, herbicides, and search-and-destroy missions to fight the Vietcong; Herbicides were used by the U.S. to kill off the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so the V-C could not hide there; the chemicals would have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on the soldiers’ health as well as Vietnamese civilians

ii. Despite these efforts, the U.S. was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to defeat the communist enemy



e. The Vietcong were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and did not play by the rules of war; hit-and-run guerilla fighting, deadly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_made the Vietcong extremely difficult to fight against

f. Another factor that made it difficult for the U.S. troops was that the North Vietnamese (the enemy) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as the South Vietnamese

g. The stress of not knowing who the enemy truly was, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the V-C, and the unpleasant jungle terrain led to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and serious drug abuse among the young U.S. troops (average age was 19); Breakdowns led to murders and war crimes by American troops, such as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where U.S. soldiers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_an entire village of women, children, and the elderly

h. Pictures showing things like Vietnamese children screaming as American-delivered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_burns their skin, caused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and disgust among the American public

i. The Vietnam War was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hurt the American economy, and became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with anti-war protestors in the United States

j. In 1973, the USA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from Vietnam; two years later the Northern communists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the South and unified Vietnam

**D. DÉTENTE IN THE 1970s**

1. America’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Vietnam led to a change in Cold War policies; the USA abandoned its containment policy and began looking for ways to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with Cold War enemies

2. In the 1970s, President Nixon’s policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (easing Cold War tensions) replaced brinkmanship

a. Recognition of China

i. In 1972, Nixon became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_U.S. president to visit China and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the legitimate government of China

ii. Nixon’s visit to China put pressure on the Soviet Union to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the USA

b. Détente with the Soviet Union

i. In 1972, Nixon met with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to discuss nuclear arms \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ii. The USA and USSR signed the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the number of ICBMs each nation could have

iii. By the 1970s, the USA and USSR seemed willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**E. SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN, 1979-1989**

1. But, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 1979 when the USSR invaded Afghanistan to put down an anti-communist uprising

a. The U.S. viewed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as an attempt to spread communism into South Asia and the Middle East

b. The United States cut off all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the USSR and sent military and economic aid to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. The USSR fought in Afghanistan from 1979 to 1989, but was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Afghan resistance

a. The war exhausted the Soviet economy and proved as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as Vietnam was for the United States

b. The war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_between the USA and USSR