

The Cold War

The Cold War: from
1945-1989 the USSR
and the US
experienced a
period of hostility
and high tension

How they waged war without fighting each other:

1. They fought each other's allies
2. They helped their allies fight each other
3. They gave help to opposing sides in civil wars
4. The Americans used armed forces to get rid of pro-Soviet governments in countries close to the U.S.
5. The Soviet Union used armed force to stop rebellions against pro-Soviet governments in nearby countries

Causes of the Cold War

1. *Ideological conflict -- communism vs. capitalism*
2. *A history of mistrust*
3. *Fears of Soviet expansion*
4. *Friction between the Allies during WWII*

The Yalta Agreement

Josef Stalin, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt meet in Yalta, in the Soviet Union, to discuss plans for ending the war and making a peace settlement.

Tensions After the Yalta Agreement

In the Yalta Agreement, liberated countries from Nazi rule should be allowed to set up their own democratic, independent governments. However...



- ◆ Stalin disagreed with establishing democracies
- ◆ Wanted governments that took over from the retreating Nazis would be loyal to the USSR
- ◆ Soviet forces set up pro-Soviet governments instead of allowing free elections

Potsdam Conference

- ◆ Germany is split into four zones, each run by an Allied army.
- ◆ Tensions between the Allies grew with the successful testing of the first atomic bomb.

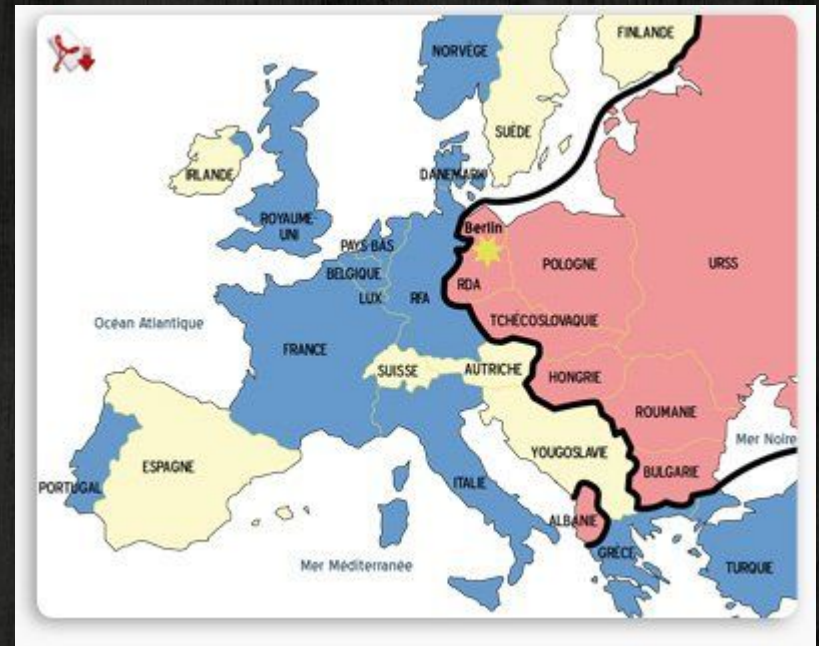


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An iron curtain is drawn upon their front. We do not know what is going on behind. There seems little doubt that the whole of the regions east of the line Lubeck-Trieste-Corfu will soon be completely in their hands.

The Establishment of the Iron Curtain in 1945

- ◆ With 12 million soldiers in Eastern Europe, Stalin had the power to make whatever changes he wanted in these countries.
- ◆ In the next two years, Soviet forces did all they could to establish communist governments.



The Truman Doctrine:

Communism must be contained! The US had the obligation to support free peoples who are 'resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures'

- Gave 400 million in aid to the Royalists during the Greek Civil War.

The Marshall Plan:

An economic extension of the Truman Doctrine -- believed that the economies of Europe needed immediate help from the USA.

- Provided 16 European countries with 17 billion dollars of aid

Why do you think the United States was motivated to institute this plan to fend off the Soviet Union?

The Divisions of Germany

East Germany

- ◆ Stalin wanted to keep Germany weak so it could never again attack the Soviet Union.
- ◆ The Soviet zone was run as a communist country.

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West Germany

- ◆ Britain, France and the US wanted their zones to recover quickly from the war. They did what they could to encourage German businesses to grow.
- ◆ West Germany was run along capitalist lines.

Answer the following in your notebook:

1. Why was the Wall built?
2. How did it impact the lives of the people?
3. What significance does the Berlin Wall play in the Cold War?

Create an Identification for “The Iron Curtain”
