



Fundamentals –GCSE History Paper 2- Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991

Knowledge	Skills
<p>THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR, 1941-1958 Ideological differences between the East and the West; Communism and Capitalism. The outcomes and significance of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam Conferences. The impact of the atom bomb on US-Soviet relations The Kennan and Long Telegrams and the impact on US-Soviet relations The creation of Soviet satellite states The Iron Curtain Speech The impact of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan The formation of Cominform and Comecon The 1948 Berlin Crisis; Bizonia, Trizonia, the Berlin Airlift and the Berlin Blockade The formation of East and West Germany The creation of two armed camps; NATO and the Warsaw Pact The significance of the arms race The Hungarian Uprising, 1956 and the impact on international relations</p>	<p>To explain in depth the consequences of a given event.</p> <p>To link key events into chronological order and explain how each one links to the other.</p> <p>To write a narrative account of a particular event.</p> <p>To explain how each event in the Cold War contributed to improving or worsening relations between the US and the Soviet Union.</p>
<p>COLD WAR CRISES, 1958-1970 The refugee problem in Berlin, 1958 Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum The summit meetings of 1959-1961 Building the Berlin Wall and its impact on US-Soviet relations The Cuban Revolution The Bay of Pigs incident and the effect on international relations The Cuban Missile Crisis; the Thirteen Days; the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis Czechoslovakia; The Prague Spring and the Soviet reaction, the Brezhnev Doctrine</p>	
<p>THE END OF THE COLD WAR, 1970-1991 Détente; why the USA and the Soviet Union followed a policy of détente SALT 1 and the Helsinki Accords SALT 2 The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan</p>	

<p>The Olympic boycotts of 1980 and 1984 Ronald Reagan and 'the Second Cold War' Gorbachev's new thinking; glasnost and perestroika The end of Soviet hold on Eastern Europe The significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall The end of the Warsaw Pact</p>	
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