

VISUAL STUDY GUIDE

QUICK
FACTS

Causes and Effects of the Cold War

CAUSES

Systems of Government

- Soviet Union was a Communist dictatorship.
- United States is a democratic republic.

Postwar Conflict

- Both sides disagreed over Eastern Europe.
- Soviet Union established Communist governments throughout Eastern Europe.
- United States resisted Soviet expansion and aided countries seeking to resist communism.

Cold War

EFFECTS

Military

- Arms race between Soviet Union and United States led to the threat of nuclear war.
- Confrontations took place around the world, including Germany, Cuba, Korea, and many other locations.

Political

- Both sides formed a variety of alliances.
- Soviet Union eventually collapsed, and United States became the world's sole superpower.

Major Events in Europe and North America since 1945

- 1948 ■ Berlin airlift begins
- 1949 ■ NATO forms
- 1950 ■ Korean War starts
- 1952 ■ United States tests hydrogen bomb
- 1955 ■ Warsaw Pact forms
- 1957 ■ Soviets launch *Sputnik*
- 1961 ■ Construction begins on Berlin Wall
- 1962 ■ Cuban missile crisis takes place
- 1972 ■ SALT I agreement is signed
- 1985 ■ Mikhail Gorbachev comes to power
- 1988 ■ Major arms control agreement is reached
- 1989 ■ Iron curtain begins to crumble in Eastern Europe
- 1991 ■ Soviet Union collapses
- 1992 ■ European Union established
- 2001 ■ Al Qaeda attacks the United States
- 2003 ■ United States invades Iraq

Review Key Terms and People

For each term or name below, write a sentence explaining its significance to Europe or North America between 1945 and the present.

1. containment
2. perestroika
3. Saddam Hussein
4. *Sputnik*
5. iron curtain
6. détente
7. hydrogen bomb
8. Marshall Plan
9. al Qaeda
10. Cold War

History's Impact video program

Review the video to answer the closing question: How has the European Union changed the way Europeans live today?

Comprehension and Critical Thinking

SECTION 1 (pp. 877–881)

11. **a. Recall** When and why did Cold War tensions begin to appear?
- b. Contrast** How did Allied plans for Eastern Europe differ?
- c. Make Judgments** Was the U.S. policy of containment effective at preventing the spread of communism? Why or why not?

SECTION 2 (pp. 882–887)

12. **a. Describe** How did the United States and Soviet Union compete during the Cold War?
- b. Identify Cause and Effect** What were the causes and effects of the Cuban missile crisis?
- c. Elaborate** Why do you think the United States and the Soviet Union cared about having influence in countries around the world?

SECTION 3 (pp. 888–893)

13. **a. Identify** How did cultural changes affect the United States in the years after World War II?
- b. Identify Cause and Effect** Why did Mikhail Gorbachev propose glasnost and perestroika?
- c. Make Judgments** How effective do you think the Soviet system was at controlling public dissent? Explain your answer.

SECTION 4 (pp. 894–899)

14. **a. Describe** What events brought about the breakup of the Soviet Union?
- b. Summarize** What threats has the United States faced since the end of the Cold War?
- c. Evaluate** Was the end of communism in Eastern Europe completely positive for those nations? Why or why not?

Reading Skills

Making Inferences Use what you know about making inferences to answer the questions below.

15. Given what you know about the Cold War, how do you think Americans reacted to the Soviet test of a hydrogen bomb in 1953?
16. How do you think Soviet citizens responded to Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of glasnost and perestroika?

Analyzing Primary Sources

Reading Like a Historian This photograph shows demonstrators in the Soviet republic of Lithuania in 1991, protesting the Soviet military crackdown after Lithuania declared its independence.



17. **Describe** How would you describe the people taking part in this protest?
18. **Infer** Why do you think the protest march was a peaceful march instead of a violent uprising?

Using the Internet

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19. The Cold War and the fear of nuclear war had a profound effect on people in the United States, the Soviet Union, and around the world. Using the Internet, research the effects of Cold War anxieties on movies, books, and other aspects of popular culture. Then write an illustrated report about your findings.

WRITING ABOUT HISTORY

Persuasion: Writing an Evaluation During the Cold War, each side developed weapons that were capable of completely destroying the enemy. Defense strategies centered on the idea that the threat of massive nuclear retaliation would deter the enemy from starting a conflict.

20. **Assignment:** In an essay, evaluate the wisdom of a war strategy that involved the assured destruction of both sides. To provide support for your evaluation, use information from this chapter and from other research as needed.