

**Research Question:**

*Directions:* You will create a research project which explains the questions in the task for one of the two topics. You may choose any of the following options to complete the tasks for this project. Your options include:

- Create a PowerPoint
- Create a Website using Microsoft Publisher
- Write a 1500 word essay.
- Create a Video Podcast (see me about this project)
- Create a Newsletter using Microsoft Publisher or similar software.
- Create a project using art or music. You must see me to explain your idea and receive approval.
- Create a scrapbook.
- You are not limited to these suggestions. If you have a project you are interested in see me for approval.

**Theme: The Cold War**

Following World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union were engaged in a conflict that became known as the Cold War. The Cold War created problems that the United States addressed with specific actions. These actions had varying degrees of success.

**Task:**

Choose one of the topics below and for each part of the topic:

- Explain and describe all of the events for the topic you choose.
- Describe **the action or actions** taken by the United States in response to each problem.
- Evaluate the extent to which the action taken was successful in solving the problem.

Your topics for your project come from one of the following groups.

**Topic I: Cold War Era Part I (1945-1954)** (textbook pages 788-809)

- Marshall Plan 1945–1947)
- Soviet takeover of Eastern Europe (1945–1948)
- The threat of a Communist takeover in Greece, the Iron Curtain and The Truman Doctrine (1947).
- The Soviet blockade of Berlin (1948)
- The Formation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact.
- The Communist takeover of China.
- The Korean War, U.N. involvement
- The Red Scare (1950s), HUAC (pg. 807), Spies, McCarthyism

Include at least two photos, maps, and political cartoons from the cold war time period and explain their relationship to the cold war period.

**Topic II: Cold War Era Part II (1950s-1991)** (textbook pages are included for each topic)

- The nuclear arms race (1950s–1980s) MAD (mutually assured destruction), ICBM, MIRV. (pgs. 816-817)
- The Space Race, Sputnik, NASA, the call for science education in schools. (pgs. 817-818, & 870)
- The War in Southeast Asia, Vietnam, the French at Dien Bien Phu, The Geneva Accords, The Domino Theory. (pgs, 818-819).
- Communist takeover of Cuba by Fidel Castro (1959), The Bay of Pigs Invasion (pgs.867-868)
- The Berlin Wall (pgs. 868-869)
- The Cuban Missile Crisis (pgs. 869-870)
- The Vietnam War (pgs. 871-876 & 884-885, & 888-889)
- The Vietnam War at Home (pgs. 877-882 & 885-887)
- Easing of the Cold War, Nixon goes to China, Détente, balance of Power, SALT I (pgs. 896-898)
- Reagan and the Cold War, Mikhail Gorbachev (changing Soviet Policy, glasnost, perestroika) the INF Treaty (pgs. 925-926)
- The Cold War Ends, Changes and Unrest in the Soviet Union, Poland and freedom in Easter Europe, The Fall of the Berlin Wall, The End of the Cold War (Boris Yeltsin, Dec. 25, 1991 and the end of the Soviet Union)

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