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**Word Search: The Cold War Starts**

**Instructions:** **(Part A)**, find all the terms in the word search below. **(Part B)**, on the back, you pick any ten terms you want from the word search list and write one complete sentence explaining the historical significance of each term. Use the content reading guide below this word search worksheet to find information for your explanation.

**Part (A)**

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<p>ATOM BOMB            BERLIN            BRINKMANSHIP            CHURCHILL            COLD WAR            COMMUNISM            CONTAINMENT            DICTATORSHIPS</p>	<p>EISENHOWER            HYDROGEN BOMB            IRON CURTAIN            KEENAN            KHRUSHCHEV            KOREAN WAR            MACARTHUR            MARSHAL            NATO</p>	<p>POTSDAM            RHEE            ROOSEVELT            STALIN            SUNG            TRUMAN            UNITED NATIONS            WARSAW            YALTA</p>
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**Part B:** Now, you pick any ten terms you want from the word search list and write one complete sentence explaining the historical significance of each term.

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## Reading Guide: The Cold War Starts



American President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), and British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill (1874-1965), both Democratic leaders, decided to join forces with the Communist dictator of the USSR, Joseph Stalin (1878-1953), during World War II. America, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and China formed the core of the Allies in World War II.

This seemed bizarre. The Democracies of the world were appalled by the brutality of Russia's Communist regime. Yet, they all needed each other to defeat the Fascist regime of the Nazis and their horrific leader, Adolf Hitler (1889-1945). After the Axis Powers were defeated, that which bound the USA and Britain together with the Soviet Union, defeating Hitler, was

gone. Since the Soviet Union was Communist, a rift between the Allies seemed inevitable. At the Yalta Conference of 1945, Churchill, FDR, and Stalin met to discuss what their relationship would be like, if they were to win the war.



At the Yalta Conference, the Allies agreed Germany would be divided into zones controlled by different countries of the Allies. Stalin claimed Eastern Europe would be allowed to vote for leaders, a promise he never fulfilled. The Allies also agreed to create the United Nations as a venue of discussion to help nations avoid war. The League of Nations, created after World War I, was very limited in its authority. Yet, the goal was to give the United Nations more power to help stop conflict globally. The United Nations created a structure where all member nations get a vote. However, the core Allies (America, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and China) were given permanent seats on the Security Council of the UN. The UN still exists today. The Security Council can veto anything the United Nations

seeks to pursue, making them very powerful. The Allies always get a seat on the council. Yet, other nations can rotate in and out to serve on the Security Council for limited terms.

Capitalists argued Capitalism gave individuals power through owning property. It also gave citizens a chance at social mobility; one could be born poor and work hard to get rich through gaining profits off goods and services. Communists argued this did not work and only a very few got rich in Capitalism, while most were poor and suffered in factories.

Capitalists asserted the power Communism gives to the state would lead to corruption and the oppression of individual rights. Capitalists asserted that the state would never truly spread all resources out equally. For instance, Communism demanded the ridicule of the freedom of religion in society in order to give radical obedience to the state. Capitalism existed largely in places that had some form of Democracy, like Britain and the USA. Many Capitalists championed Democracy and the individual rights it gave citizens. Communists rejected this and asserted that the super wealthy were the ones actually in control in the world's Democracies, not the people.



After WW II, the Allies quickly became skeptical of the Soviet Union. Stalin ushered in stern control of Eastern Europe. Russia had experienced over 16,000,000 deaths in World War II and felt they had a right to control and rebuild Eastern Europe, due to their stark sacrifice. Yet, America, Britain, and other Democracies were concerned because Stalin's reign as a Communist dictator oppressed the people under his power.

At the Yalta Conference, Stalin said Eastern Europe could have free elections. In reality, he set up puppet states who had to do whatever Russia wanted. Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia became Satellite Nations of the USSR. While claiming they were independent, these nations were forced to show supreme loyalty to the USSR and embrace Communism. FDR signed the Yalta Conference agreement. Yet, he died in office. Harry Truman (1884-1972) became President. He did not get along with Stalin and did not want to see nations fall to Communism. At the Potsdam Conference, in July of 1945, Truman tried to get Stalin to allow elections in Eastern Europe to no avail. Stalin and Truman remained reluctant Allies, but their relationship kept deteriorating, due to Stalin's goals for Eastern Europe.

Winston Churchill asserted that a symbolic iron curtain had fallen down Europe. According to Churchill, those in the West were free in Democracies and those in the East were left trapped in Communism. In 1952, Stalin asserted that he saw no way that Capitalism and Communism could coexist. He believed war between Capitalistic and Communistic nations was inevitable.

Berlin was the capital city of Germany. Yet, now Western Germany was controlled by zones overseen by Britain, France, and the USA. However, Berlin was in Eastern Europe, Stalin's domain of control. Yet, due to the important symbolic nature of the capital, even though it was the East, the city was allowed to be divided into four zones, with the Western part being a Democracy and the Eastern zone being Communistic.

In 1949, Britain, France, and the USA let their zones unite and form West Germany, a Democracy. East Germany remained Communist and was massively controlled by Stalin as a Communist nation. The City of Berlin, though deep in East Germany, was allowed to be split. The Western area of the city was controlled by West Germany and the Eastern section by East Germany.

Harry Truman felt an all-out war with the powerful USSR was not a path America should pursue. It would be catastrophic for both sides. Yet, he wanted to stop Communism from spreading. George Keenan (1904-2005), ambassador to the Soviet Union, suggested the policy of Containment. According to this policy, the USA would acknowledge Communism's presence in Eastern Europe and the USSR. Yet, it would resist any other nation from embracing Communism and try to convince them that Democracy was superior to Communism. Truman's determination to stop Communism's spread was called the Truman Doctrine. Fearing Greece and Turkey may fall to Communism, he called on Congress to give hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to these two nations to encourage them to resist Communism. He also initiated the Marshal Plan, which helped Western European nations get aid to rebuild from the



**West Berliners watch as an American plane lands with supplies, during the Berlin Airlift.**

aftermath of WW II. These steps caused America's reputation to soar around the world, which Truman felt would ensure the aid recipient nations kept resisting Communism.

Stalin was angry that the USA was so aggressive against the spread of Communism. In response, he tried to block resources from entering Western Berlin and force them to abandon Democracy and embrace Communism. The USA responded with the Berlin Airlift. They flew in vast amounts of resources to ensure that Western Berlin had all they needed to resist Stalin's plan. They flew in medical supplies, food, and even toys for children. Tension



between the USA and the Russian Soviet Union grew intensely in 1949. That year, Russia detonated its first atom bomb. In 1951, Russia achieved an air dropped atom bomb test from a plane. Prior to Russia's development, only the USA had atom bombs. Now, if the Soviet Union and the USA ever went to war, it would be a nuclear war. Fearing a Communist invasion, various nations formed an alliance asserting that, were one attacked, all would defend the group. The Alliance was called the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). It included Britain, France, the USA, and other nations. Stalin responded by forcing the Satellite Nations to create an Alliance with the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Pact. Now, before there was even a war, the teams had been decided.

In the 1930s, a Civil War was brewing in China in which a Democratic faction fought against a Communist faction. Yet, when Japan invaded China and developed a strong presence in the region, in WW II, the factions put aside their differences to fight Japan. Chiang Kai-shek (1887-1975) led the Democratic faction and Mao Zedong (1893-1976) led the Communist faction. When Japan was defeated, the Civil War commenced the world watched to see if China would embrace Communism. In 1949, Mao Zedong asserted absolute control of China and established a Communist government. Kai-shek and his followers left China and established a Democracy off the coast of China on the island of Taiwan. This was a humiliating defeat for Truman. His policy of containing Communism had failed, since now China had embraced the system.



**Pictured above, Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Zedong had to put aside their differences to fight Japan in World War II.**

Initially, as two massive Communist nations, China and the USSR cooperated to a large degree. Mao was just as ruthless as Stalin. He murdered millions who resisted his land confiscations and tried to force a government controlled economy. Millions died in the famines that followed. Since both were Communist, the USSR and China were cooperative. Yet, they were also resentful toward one another. They had various arguments over land along their border and came to distrust one another.



**The detonation of Ivy Mike was the first hydrogen bomb test in history. It was detonated in the Pacific Ocean.**

An arms race developed between the USA and USSR as each tried to build better nuclear weapons. The USA wanted to build a hydrogen bomb. The atom bomb is equal to 20 kilotons of TNT. A hydrogen bomb is equal to 10,000 kilotons of TNT. The USA test detonated the first hydrogen bomb, code named Ivy Mike, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1952. The detonation of the first hydrogen bomb gave the USA an advantage in the nuclear arms race. Yet, then, in 1953, the Soviets detonated a hydrogen bomb in what was called the Joe-4 test. Now, the USA and the Soviet Union both possessed hydrogen bombs.

The massive standoff between the USSR and the USA was called the Cold War. This name, "Cold War," refers to the massive buildup of weapons and tension that never truly became a "hot" war. It never became a "hot" war in that the USSR and the USA never entered into a direct military engagement with one another, even though their rivalry lasted into the 1990s of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The name "Cold War" can be misleading in that it may lead one to believe that no deaths or casualties came from the Cold War. However, proxy wars directly related to the Cold War did occur. In these scenarios, the USA backed one side and the Soviets backed another. Therefore, while not directly fighting each other, these side wars led to the deaths of millions. One such conflict was the Korean War.

By 1950, a division had occurred on the Korean Peninsula. The North was backed by the USSR and established Communism. The South was supported by the USA and supported Democracy. The 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel line of latitude divided the regions and tension developed between the two sides. Armed with Soviet weaponry, Kim Sung (1912-1994) led the Communist North. In 1950, he invaded the South to try and unify the entire peninsula under Communism. South Korea, led by Syngman Rhee (1875-1965), asked the United Nations for help. The UN agreed. The USSR could have vetoed the measure. Yet, they refused to vote in protest toward the recognition of Taiwan, a country that formed by breaking away from China.



The USA, led by President Truman, was the leading nation of the UN concerning the struggle to keep South Korea independent. Communist China sent a massive amount of supplies and troops to help North Korea. Therefore, in a sense, the Korean War was very much a struggle between China and the USA for the fate of the Korean Peninsula. The Korean War was a back a forth standstill. Neither the North nor the South could bring about a victory. General Douglas MacArthur (1850-1864) felt the North Korean resistance persisted because China was giving them supplies and troops. He urged President Truman to use a nuclear attack against China. Yet, Truman refused. MacArthur openly critiqued Truman's stance and Truman fired MacArthur as a result.

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A World War II hero, Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), became President after Truman, in 1953. Stalin died and Nikita Khrushchev (1894-1971) became the head of the Communist Party and dictator of the USSR. Eisenhower did not follow the Containment policy of Truman, which had failed. Rather, he initiated the policy of Brinkmanship. Secretary of State



**In 1960, the USA sent a U-2 plane, like the one pictured above, to spy on Russia. It was shot down.**

John Dulles (1888-1959) asserted that the USA had to take the strongest stance it could against the USSR. His policy of Brinkmanship meant that the USA was always ready to launch a nuclear attack. It would always remain on the brink of war. Dulles argued this intimidating policy would ensure the USSR never attacked the USA or their allies, since such a move would be met with nuclear war. Eisenhower adopted the policy and it was dubbed the "New Look" approach, as opposed to Containment. Eisenhower led a massive campaign to grow the military and invest in science education, to always keep an edge over the USSR. The Soviet Union responded with their own weapons build up. Both nations began stock piling nuclear weapons. This arms race meant each nation was growing more and more in terms of military capability and might. Eisenhower felt that the buildup would mean neither side would attack the other because it would result in the mutually assured destruction of both countries.

Eisenhower suggested that the USSR and USA allow planes to fly over each other's territory to ensure each side knew the capability of the other. The theory was that the countries could monitor one another and cooperate to avoid attacking the other. The USSR refused. However, in 1960, the USA sent a U-2 Plan pilot, Francis Gary Powers (1929-1977), to spy over Russia. His plane was shot down. Yet, he survived and the USA had to negotiate his return. He was imprisoned for two years and released back to the USA. This was called the U-2 Incident.