



# History Knowledge Organiser

**Year: 9**

**Topic: Cold War**

**Half term: Summer 1**

- The Cold War began immediately after the end of the Second World War.
- The Allied forces of America, Britain and the USSR no longer had the common enemy of Adolf Hitler to protect their relationship.
- A series of conferences took place after the war to decide what to do with Germany now that Hitler was gone. America and Britain rarely agreed with the USSR's proposals for how to combat restoration in Germany.
- During the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences it is decided to separate Germany and Berlin into four sections belonging to the Allied forces.
- The USSR want to keep Germany in financial ruin so they are not strong enough to fight again- the other Allies want to rebuild Germany to prevent another Hitler rising on the back of financial failure.

## Key events of the Cold War

<b>Berlin Blockade</b>	1948-1949, USSR blocked roads and rail links hoping to keep Berlin under their control. Re-opened May 1949.
<b>Cuban Missile Crisis</b>	October 1962, the closest that the USA and USSR ever came to a full-scale war. Lasted 13 days.
<b>Korean War</b>	1950-1953, conflict between North Korea and South Korea supported by allies.
<b>Vietnam War</b>	1960s-1970s, a long and divisive conflict fought between North and South Vietnam, supported by allies.
<b>Space Race</b>	Competition between USA and USSR to explore outer space and achieve scientific advancements.
<b>Arms Race</b>	Competition between USA and USSR to build up their military power and nuclear weapons.

## Homework tasks

1. Learn the key words and their definitions.
2. Design your own KO using the knowledge gained in your lessons.
3. Use the KO and the internet, create a timeline of the Cold War inc key events.
4. Choose one of the topics we have covered in this unit and teach a family member. Ask them to write a review of what you have told them.

Submit your homework to your class teacher for achievement points!



## Capitalism

- Multiple political parties
- Wealth is unequal
- Businesses are privately owned

## Communism

- One political party
- Wealth divided up more equally
- Businesses owned by the government

## Suggested Reading

*Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell

*The Cold War* by John Lewis Gaddis  
*Agent Sonya* by Ben McIntyre

## Key Terms

<b>NATO</b>	An international government that keeps peace and prevents another World War.
<b>Arms Race</b>	Race to have nuclear warfare supremacy.
<b>Cuban Missile Crisis</b>	Deployment of Soviet missiles into Cuba to support Communist leader Fidel Castro.
<b>Communism</b>	All property is owned by the community and each person contributes and receives according to their ability and needs.
<b>Capitalism</b>	Country's trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profit.
<b>Joseph Stalin</b>	Ruler of the Soviet Union from 1927 until his death in 1953.
<b>Nikita Khrushchev</b>	First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from 1953 to 1964.
<b>Harry S. Truman</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> President of the USA. In office, 1945-1953.
<b>MAD</b>	Mutually Assured Destruction -the threat that both sides could cause a lot of damage was enough to prevent the Cold War from turning 'hot'