

The Cold War – the start and development

<b>Key dates in the early Cold War</b>	
<b>1941</b>	The formation of the <b>Grand Alliance</b>
<b>1943</b>	<b>Tehran Conference</b>
<b>1945 Feb</b>	<b>Yalta Conference</b>
<b>1945 May</b>	<b>End of WWII in Europe</b>
<b>1945 July-Aug</b>	<b>Potsdam Conference</b>
<b>1945 Aug</b>	USA dropped the <b>atomic bomb</b> on Japan
<b>1945-1948</b>	<b>Soviet expansionism</b>
<b>1946</b>	<b>Churchill</b> gave his <b>iron curtain</b> speech
<b>1947 March</b>	<b>Truman Doctrine</b>
<b>1947 June</b>	<b>Marshall Plan</b> /Marshall Aid
<b>1948-1949</b>	<b>Berlin Blockade</b> and <b>Berlin Airlift</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>NATO</b> set up
<b>1949</b>	USSR gained the <b>atomic bomb</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>East and West Germany</b> permanently set up
<b>1955</b>	<b>Warsaw Pact</b> set up



**Military alliances**

**NATO** from 1949 – capitalist

**Warsaw Pact** from 1955 - communist

<b>Key terms</b>	
<b>Ideology</b>	The political and economic system of government (ideas)
<b>Communism</b>	The ideology of the USSR – one political party, fairness and equality
<b>Capitalism</b>	The ideology of the USA – multiple political parties, opportunity but large gaps in wealth between rich and poor
<b>Grand Alliance</b>	USA, USSR and Britain together to fight against Germany (Hitler) and Japan in WWII
<b>Iron curtain</b>	An idea of a barrier/division that existed in Europe between East (communism) and West (capitalism)
<b>Soviet expansionism</b>	How the USA viewed the increase in communist countries in Eastern Europe between 1945 and 1948. They saw the USSR as being aggressive
<b>Buffer zone</b>	How the USSR viewed the spread of communism. They believed it was important to have friendly communist countries to act as a barrier to invasion
<b>Containment</b>	The American policy from 1947 (Truman Doctrine) to <i>stop communism spreading</i>
<b>Arms race</b>	The competition between USA and USSR for better and better weapons and bombs (including atomic, hydrogen and lithium bombs)

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