

The Cold War – Crises of the 1950s and 1960s

Key dates in 1950s and 1960s	
1953	Death of Stalin
1956	Khrushchev gave his 'Secret Speech'
1956	Hungarian Uprising
1958	Khrushchev gave his Berlin Ultimatum
1960	Paris Summit
1961	The Berlin Wall was built
1961	Bay of Pigs
1962	Cuban Missile Crisis
1963	Test Ban Treaty
1963	Kennedy visited West Berlin
1963	Hotline link
1968	Prague Spring
1968	Brezhnev Doctrine

Key events	
Hungarian Uprising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protests against a lack of free speech. • Nagy said he was to take Hungary out of the Warsaw Pact. • 200,000 USSR soldiers, 20,000 Hungarians killed. • USA promised help but didn't act. • Khrushchev showed his strength.
Berlin Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee crisis with people leaving East to go West. • Berlin Ultimatum demanded the West withdraw from Berlin. • Meetings and Summits failed to resolve the issue. • The wall was built around Western Berlin. • Families divided. • Symbol of division BUT may have actually reduced tension over Berlin itself.
Cuba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1959 Cuban Revolution brought Castro into power – huge increase in tension between USA and Cuba. • Soon after USA broke off all ties with Cuba. • The Bay of Pigs was an attempt to remove Castro – it was a massive failure and an embarrassment for the USA. • October 1962 – American planes took photos of missile sites in Cuba – Kennedy responded with a blockade. • The CMC led to an ease in Cold War tensions – they saw how close they had got to nuclear war.
Prague Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubcek was elected as the leader of Czechoslovakia – USSR trusted him. • Dubcek believed in 'socialism with a human face'. He introduced a series of reforms into Czechoslovakia known as the Prague Spring eg. Criticism of the government was allowed. • Brezhnev responded with huge force - 500,000 soldiers. • The invasion was widely condemned by the USA and other communist countries. USSR showed their strength again.

<p>Khrushchev – USSR leader 1956-1964</p> 	<p>Brezhnev – USSR leader 1964-1982</p> 	<p>Eisenhower – USA leader 1953-1961</p> 	<p>Kennedy – USA leader 1961-1963</p> 
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