Part one: The origins of the Cold War

- The end of WWII - Yalta and Potsdam Conferences;
  - the division of Germany;
  - Communism vs Capitalism,
  - the aims of Stalin, Churchill, Roosevelt, Attlee and Truman;
  - effect of the dropping of the atom bomb on superpower relations.
- The Iron Curtain and the evolution of East-West rivalry:
  - Soviet expansion in East Europe;
  - the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan, purpose
  - Stalin’s reaction; Cominform; Comecon;
  - Yugoslavia;
  - the Berlin Blockade and Airlift.
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### Exam Question Feedback

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KEY OBJECTIVE: To what extent was Capitalism in practice a more effective system of government than Communism?

Task 1 – What do the images on this diagram mean?
The USA + Russia 1918 – 39

• In 1918 a group of people who believed in Communism took control in Russia. They changed Russia’s name to the USSR. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
• The USA and other countries including Britain who didn’t like Communism and Communists sent soldiers to stop the Communists taking over.
• This meant that when the Communists finally seized power and ended the Civil War in 1920, relations with the west were very bad. But even if this had not happened the Communist USSR would never have been trusting of the Capitalist USA.

The USA was a democratic country
• Capitalism was all about a person being free to set up a company and to make profits. This meant there needed to be political freedom to allow this and to ensure that competition was allowed.

The USSR was an autocratic country
• Communism required strict control to ensure that the economy was managed and that everyone had a job and that all of the produce of the state was shared equally.

Task 2 – Sort the 16 statements under the correct heading – USA or USSR using what you’ve found out so far about the two systems of government.

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<td>Free elections – everyone over the age of 18 has the opportunity to vote</td>
<td>Autocratic/dictatorship – one person makes all of the decisions</td>
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<td>No elections or fixed (the ruling party ensures they are re-elected)</td>
<td>Democratic – beliefs in freedom and equality</td>
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<td>Richest world power</td>
<td>Capitalist</td>
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<td>‘Survival of the fittest’</td>
<td>Everybody helps everybody</td>
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<td>Poor economic base</td>
<td>Communist</td>
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<td>Desire for stability and order to ensure the best environment for economies to grow.</td>
<td>Society controlled by the NKVD (secret police) – a bit like Big Brother.</td>
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<td>Total censorship – the only information that is published or broadcast is that agreed by the government</td>
<td>Freedom of the media – several newspapers and news channels giving a balanced view of the news</td>
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<td>Desire for global revolution to free the working classes from ‘slavery’ of Capitalism.</td>
<td>Personal freedom – freedom of speech, movement etc.</td>
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Task 3 – Complete your own definitions of Communism and Capitalism

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Task 4 - Complete the table below highlighting at least two strengths + weaknesses of both systems.

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To what extent was Capitalism in practice a more effective system of government than Communism?
KEY OBJECTIVE: To what extent were the ideological differences between the USA and USSR the most significant cause of the Cold War?

Task 1 – What is the relevance of the images to the causes of the Cold War?

At the end of WW2 Russia and America were the most powerful countries in the world – they were known as Super Powers

Russia was a communist country and was run by the Communist Party. Its leaders were afraid of Capitalism + Democracy

America was a Capitalist and Democratic country. Its leaders did not trust Communist countries and feared Communism would spread around the world.

Under the Communist system all decisions were made by the Communist party leaders, there were no votes by the people.

Democracy is a system of government where individuals have the right to vote for who runs the country.

Capitalism is a system where individuals own and run companies for profit. Some individuals are wealthier than others

In 1945 Russia had an army of 4 million soldiers; the US army had 1 million soldiers. It was harder for America to maintain a large army in peacetime.

Russia had an alliance with Communist Countries called the Warsaw Pact. America had its own alliance known as NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)

Russia and America had been allies during WW2 when they were both fighting against Germany but after the war mistrust of each other became even greater.

At the end of World War 2 Germany was defeated but Russia’s troops occupied the countries of Eastern Europe this worried America, France and Britain.

America was worried that Russia wanted to make all the countries of Europe Communist. America had just fought for 5 years to stop Europe being controlled by Germany

Under the Communist system all businesses are owned by the state and all wealth is shared equally amongst the population.

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Countries in Eastern Europe became communist and supported Russia, but those in the west, like France and Britain supported America

In August 1945 America used the world’s first Atomic bombs on Japanese cities, to ensure Japan surrendered.

Russia wanted to spread the idea of Communism to other countries around the world, using revolutions to get rid of the governments.

Russia was worried about America’s use of nuclear weapons. It believed this was a warning to Russia not to spread Communism.

American politicians talked about the ‘Domino Theory’ where countries would fall to Communism one after the other if not stopped.

In 1949 Russia tested its first nuclear weapon. It was a surprise to America that Russia was advanced enough to build a nuclear weapon.

Germany was divided; East Germany was controlled by Russia and West Germany by Britain, France and America. This created a lot of tension.

By 1950 both countries had enough nuclear weapons to wipe out their enemy if they chose to use the weapons.

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**Task 2 - Shade in the boxes the appropriate colour depending on which question they answer.**

1. Why didn’t America and the USSR agree with each other? (RED)
2. Why did the end of WWII create tension between the USA and USSR? (BLUE)
3. Why did Nuclear weapons create tension between the USA and USSR? (GREEN)
Task 3 - Use the mystery cards you’ve categorised to answer the questions below. Some of the cards will not be relevant to certain questions. Write your answers directly onto the sheet.

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The causes of the Cold War

Nuclear Weapons

World Events and Outcomes

Mistrust between the USA and USSR

Communism vs. Capitalism (Clash of Ideologies)
‘The main reason for the start of the Cold War after 1945 was development of nuclear weapons.’
How far do you agree with this statement?
Explain your answer.
To what extent had WWII affected the USA and USSR?

Task:
• Red the statements below and identify which apply to the USA and USSR
• Once you have organised them fill out the table below with the relevant information.

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<tr>
<th>Economic damage to the nation – negligible because little or no fighting took place on home soil.</th>
<th>To ensure the Europe was free from tyranny after having to intervene for the second time in 20 years.</th>
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<td>To ensure that Communism didn’t fill the void left by the defeat of Fascism in Central and Eastern Europe.</td>
<td>Having lost such a huge amount fighting the ‘Great Patriotic War’ it was essential to have something to show for the sacrifices made</td>
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<td>Total number of military personnel killed – 416,800</td>
<td>Total number of military personnel killed – 10,700,000</td>
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<td>Percentage of total population killed – 0.32%</td>
<td>Percentage of total population killed – 13.44%</td>
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<td>Spent $341 Billion on fighting the war including lend lease and loans to allies.</td>
<td>Total Number of Civilians killed – 11,900,000</td>
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<td>Would the USSR stop at the borders of Germany? The USSR had three times the forces of the USA and Britain in Europe.</td>
<td>Having faced invasion from the West three times in the past 150 years its leaders demanded a ‘buffer zone’ of protection.</td>
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<td>Spent $192 Billion on fighting the war.</td>
<td>Total Number of Civilians killed – 1,700</td>
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<td>Economic damage to the nation – 30% of national wealth and production destroyed including farms, factories, and thousands of villages.</td>
<td>The use of the Atomic Bomb in 1945 created a great deal of bad feeling and mistrust. Would the USSR be targeted before it had chance to recover from WWII?</td>
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### Priorities:

#### USA

#### USSR

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<th>Economic Damage</th>
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**Who suffered the most from World War II?**

**Are the USA and USSR likely to agree on matters after WWII?**
Key Objective: To what extent did the Yalta Conference contribute to tension in the Cold War?

- In February 1945 the Allied leaders met in Yalta (in Ukraine) to plan what would happen to Europe after the war ended.
- The conference was dominated by the leaders of the USSR, USA and Great Britain.
- The conference was a big success, with only one area of real disagreement: POLAND.
- It seemed that despite all their disagreements, these leaders could still negotiate and do business together.
- Was this really the case?

The ‘Big Three’ of the Yalta Conference

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<th>Josef Stalin</th>
<th>Franklin Roosevelt</th>
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<td>Prime Minister of Britain</td>
<td>Leader of the USSR</td>
<td>President of the USA</td>
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<td><strong>Aims:</strong> Free elections + democracy in Eastern Europe</td>
<td><strong>Aims:</strong> Soviet influence in Eastern Europe</td>
<td><strong>Aims:</strong> Soviet support in war against Japan</td>
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Task:
1. Read the information in the following three tables to identify what Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill’s priorities were at the conference.
2. Then on the next page read the outcomes of the conference for each of the 6 main issues that were discussed.
3. Identify which of the ‘Big three’ would have been happiest with the decisions on each issue and explain why.

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<td><strong>Japan</strong> – I am desperate to get Stalin into the war against Japan but I have promised China control of the Manchurian Railway after the war. (Japan, Russia and China had fought over this in the past)</td>
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<td><strong>United Nations</strong> - I want a Security Council of 5 countries (GB, USA, USSR, China and France) to act as the World’s Policemen</td>
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<td><strong>Germany</strong> – I want Germany divided into as many states as possible to limit its power.</td>
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<td><strong>Poland</strong> – The USSR is already in control in Poland and nothing can be done about it! I will be happy if the USSR agrees to conduct ‘fair and free’ elections there.</td>
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<td><strong>Reparations</strong> - I am happy for Germany to pay these to the USSR but I am not happy that German slave labour should be used.</td>
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<td><strong>Eastern Europe</strong> – I will try to bury this issue by persuading both countries to promise to uphold the principles of ‘fair’ elections. We didn’t fight to free Europe from Nazism to see it fall to Communism.</td>
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<td>Poland – Britain went to war to protect Poland when Hitler invaded it. I want to restore its power by making sure all lost territory is returned and that there are free, democratic elections held there.</td>
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<td>Eastern Europe – I want all Eastern European countries to have democratic elections, similar to those in the West. We didn’t fight to free Europe from Nazism to see it fall to Communism.</td>
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<td>Germany – I want Germany and Berlin divided into 4 zones. France (as well as the Big 3) should be allowed a share, to strengthen Europe against the two superpowers.</td>
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<td>Reparations – I want these to be as low as possible to Germany can eventually be rebuilt as a strong trading partner. Slave labour should not be used.</td>
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<td>United Nations – I would like the USSR to be a member of the United Nations but I think the USSR should only get one seat on the Security Council.</td>
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<td>Japan – I want to ensure that the USSR has as little territory and rights in Japan as possible.</td>
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<td>Poland – Poland is the USSR’s close neighbour. I want it to remain under tight control by ensuring its territory is carved out of Germany and it has an elected communist government.</td>
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<td>Eastern Europe – I want Eastern European countries to become ‘satellite states’, loyal to the USSR.</td>
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<td>Germany – I want Germany and Berlin divided into 3 zones – USSR, USA and GB. France should not be given a zone as they quickly surrendered to the Nazis at the start of the war.</td>
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<td>Reparations – I want massive reparations - $20 billion and the right to use slave labour from Germany.</td>
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<td>United Nations – I want to join, but only if the USSR gets 3 seats on the Security Council instead of just one!</td>
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<td>Japan – I will only enter the war with Japan if we are given the Manchurian railway afterwards. (Japan, Russia and China had fought over this in the past)</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
<td>Germany was to be split into four zones (British, French, American and Soviet). This was a temporary measure to help ensure that Germany was ‘De-Nazified’ and could be occupied to avoid any return to war.</td>
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<td>Reparation</td>
<td>Germany would pay reparations, but the actual amount and form was left undecided at this point. It was agreed a commission - who were appointed - would look into it and decide what Germany should give to who.</td>
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<td>Poland</td>
<td>A government of national unit was to be set up in Poland including Communists and non-Communists. The Polish border was moved to the West to the river Oder which took 25% of Germany’s land off it. Russia kept it’s Polish territory.</td>
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<td>Eastern Europe</td>
<td>‘Free’ and ‘democratic’ elections were to held in the countries of Eastern Europe in the coming weeks and months. This was called the ‘Declaration of Liberated Europe’.</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>Russia would help in the war against Japan three months after the defeat of Germany was secured. In return she would be promised control of the Manchurian railway.</td>
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<td>The United Nations</td>
<td>The USSR agreed to join the United Nations along it was agreed that she could have a permanent seat on the Security Council (the body that agreed to intervene in any wars) along with the USA, Britain, France and China.</td>
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8 Mark Exam Question (see back of booklet for reminders on structure)
Write an account of how decisions made at the Yalta conference affected Cold War relations between the USA, Brittan and the USSR. [8]
Key Objective: To what extent did the Potsdam Conference contribute to tension in the Cold War?

• In May 1945, Allied troops had reached Berlin, Hitler had committed suicide, and Germany surrendered. The war in Europe was won.
• The Allies arranged a second conference for July 1945 in Potsdam, Berlin.
• It would not be as straightforward as Yalta, as there had been a number of major changes...

Task: Read the information in the boxes below and then use this to annotate the four images on the next page to explain what had changed between Feb 1945 and July 1945.

Eastern Europe in 1945
• Soviet troops have liberated country after country in Eastern Europe as a part of ending the war in Europe
• BUT, instead of withdrawing Soviet troops, Stalin has left the Soviet troops in many countries
• The Soviets now have control of the Baltic states (Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania)

A very different president...
• Truman is very different to Roosevelt, he is much more ANTI-COMMUNIST, and is very suspicious of Stalin.
• Truman says that Stalin’s actions in Eastern Europe are proof that the USSR wants to take over the rest of Europe...

Fear of communism
• Many of the people in eastern Europe have started to flee their countries, they are TERRIFIED about a communist takeover
• The Soviets have even set up a communist government in Poland, ignoring the wishes of most of the Polish people!!!
• Churchill and Truman are furious! How dare he spread communism without our agreement.
• Stalin has defended his actions however, saying he needs Poland as a “buffer” from future attacks...

• 12th April 1945
President Roosevelt of the United States of America has died
• He is replaced by his Vice-President Harry Truman.
Goodbye Churchill
- The wartime PM, Winston Churchill has been replaced by Clement Attlee.
- Without Churchill, the conference will be dominated by Truman and Stalin...this will not be good for the superpower rivalry...

What had changed between Feb 1945 and July 1945?

The USA’s new weapon
- The American’s have designed and successfully tested a new weapon: the nuclear bomb.
- How will this tremendous and terrible weapon affect their relationship with the USSR?
Read the information in the table below and then answer the following questions

### What was agreed at Potsdam?

1. Germany divided up into 4 Zones of Occupation
   a) Germany and Berlin to be split into 4 occupation zones (USSR, USA, GB, FR).
2. Germany De-Nazified and war criminals brought to justice
3. Recognition of the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity and hold ‘free and unfettered elections as soon as possible’.
4. Poland (under USSR control) received a large area of Eastern Germany.
5. Russia was allowed to take reparations from the Soviet Zone, and also 10% of the industrial equipment of the western zones as reparations.
6. Allied declaration threatened Japan with prompt and utter destruction if they did not surrender immediately (not signed by USSR).

### What disagreements were there?

#### GERMANY
- Although they both agreed they should divide Germany into 4 zones, Stalin wanted to cripple Germany completely, to protect the USSR from future threats.
- This had been the policy after WW1 with the Treaty of Versailles. Many thought this was why Hitler came to power, and ultimately caused WW2.
- Truman did not want to make this mistake again.

#### REPARATIONS
- 20 million Russians had died in the war, and the Soviet Union had been devastated.
- Stalin demanded $10 billion in reparations (compensation) from Germany.
- After WW1, Germany had been forced to pay similarly huge amounts of money, and many thought that this led to WW2.
- Truman was determined to not repeat the same mistake again.

#### EASTERN EUROPE
- At Yalta Stalin had won agreement from the Allies that he could set up Pro-Soviet governments in eastern Europe.
- Stalin wanted a ‘buffer’ to protect the USSR.
- Truman saw this as evidence that Stalin wanted to build a Soviet empire in Europe. He adopted a “get tough” attitude towards Stalin.

#### NUCLEAR WEAPONS
- The USA had been secretly developing an atomic bomb.
- Stalin had known about the US development of this weapon through his spies since 1942, but Truman only informed him after the first successful test, during the conference.
- This bomb had caused serious tensions.

### Was there much agreed at Potsdam that was not already agreed at Yalta? Explain your answer

### Which conference (Yalta or Potsdam) did more to increase tension? Explain your answers
Study Sources B and C.

How useful are Sources B and C to a historian studying opinions about the Yalta Conference?

Explain your answer by using Source B and C and your contextual knowledge.

“How are we feeling today?” – a British cartoon of 1945 shows Churchill, Roosevelt (USA) and Stalin (USSR) as doctors, working together to heal the world.

This cartoon by the American cartoonist Paul Plaschke appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, shortly after the Yalta Conference. It shows Stalin playing poker with Churchill and Roosevelt.
The first atomic weapon, the first “nuke” was known as LITTLE BOY. It was hugely more powerful than conventional bombs previously used.

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The war in Europe ended in May 1945, but the war in Japan continued into August 1945.

The Atomic bomb was a new, terrible and immensely powerful weapon developed first by the USA during WW2.

The traditional view is that Stalin was angry because Truman did not tell him about the Atomic Bomb.

- Truman was deliberately vague when he mentioned the Bomb at the Potsdam conference ‘a new weapon of unusual destructive force.’
- Stalin merely nodded, he hadn’t realised the implication of what he had just been told.
- When the Americans dropped the bomb, the argument is Stalin was furious he’d been tricked.

There are historians who think that the atomic bomb caused the Cold War, not because it provoked Stalin to seek confrontation, but because it encouraged Truman seek confrontation.

When Truman knew that he had the bomb:
- His attitude at the Conference became more aggressive,
  - He switched from pro-Soviet advisors (such as Davies) to anti-communist advisors such as Stimson and Byrnes.
  - He dropped the Bomb on Hiroshima to get the Japanese to surrender quickly, before Stalin had a chance to enter the war in the Pacific.
  - He developed an attitude of confrontation - 'I'm sick of babying the Soviets'.

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- He instructed his diplomats to take a tougher position against the west.

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The official US explanation was that the bomb was dropped to end the war in Japan quickly, saving millions of American casualties.

**Another interpretation:** the Japanese were on the verge of surrender in August 1945; Truman dropped to impress/scare Stalin and the Soviets, and persuade them to relax their grip on eastern Europe.

There is no doubt that Stalin saw the dropping of the Bomb as directed more at Russia than Japan: ‘They are killing the Japanese and intimidating us’ he told Molotov one of his key advisers.

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Look back at the grey boxes on the previous page. Which interpretation for why the USA used atomic bombs on Japan do you agree with and why?
8 Mark Exam Question (see back of booklet for reminders on structure)
Write an account of how the dropping of the atomic bomb is responsible for the development of the Cold War. [8 marks]
Key Objective: Why and how did the soviets take control of eastern Europe?

- By 1946, there was a clear division between eastern Europe where countries were falling under the control of Stalin, and western Europe where governments were fearful of further communist expansion.

- Despite the fact that the major powers had left Potsdam without any firm agreement on what should happen to eastern Europe, Stalin had succeeded in dominating there.

- By 1946, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania all had Communist governments who were loyal to the USSR. What did Churchill call this divide??

East Germany - (or the GDR) The Allies had given the USSR control of the eastern sector of German. It was run by the USSR effectively under Red Army control until the creation of the German Democratic Republic in 1949.

Poland - After the war the Communists joined a coalition government, then became outright leaders in 1947 when they forced the non-Communist leader into exile.

Hungary - Communists became the largest single party in the 1947 elections. They imprisoned opposition politicians and attacked church leaders.

Romania - In 1945 a Communist was elected Prime Minister within a left wing coalition. In 1947 the Communists also abolished the monarchy.

Bulgaria - A left-wing coalition won elections in 1945. The Communist members of the coalition then executed the members of the other parties.

Albania - Communists gained power immediately after the war. There was little opposition.

Yugoslavia - Marshal Tito had led wartime resistance to the Nazis. He was elected President in 1945. However he was determined to apply Communism in his own way, and was expelled from Stalin’s communist alliance (Cominform) in 1948.

Czechoslovakia - A left-wing coalition won elections in 1945. In 1946 Communists became the single largest party, but still a coalition. In 1948, when their position was threatened, they banned other parties and made Czechoslovakia a Communist, one-party state.

Greece - GB and USA supported the royalist side in a civil war which defeated communist opposition.

Italy and France - Both had small communist parties who belonged to Stalin’s Cominform.
Eastern Europe in 1946
Read the two sources, and answer the questions

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<td>The following circumstances should not be forgotten. The Germans made their invasion of the USSR through Finland, Poland and Romania. The Germans were able to make their invasion through these countries because, at the time, governments hostile to the Soviet Union existed in these countries. What can there be surprising about the fact that the Soviet Union, anxious for its future safety, is trying to see to it that governments loyal in their attitude to the Soviet Union should exist in these countries?</td>
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<td><strong>Winston Churchill speaking in the presence of President Truman, March 1946</strong></td>
<td><strong>Stalin, replying to Churchill’s speech</strong></td>
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1. What explanation does source B as to why the USSR is anxious to secure its safety?

2. To what extent do sources A and B disagree as to why an ‘Iron Curtain’ exists in Europe?

3. Explain why Churchill and Stalin see things so differently.
This source shows that Churchill was worried about what was happening behind what he termed “the Iron Curtain”. **How do you know?**

Explain your answer using the source and your contextual knowledge. [8 marks].
Key Objective: How did the USA react to the expansion of Communism in Eastern Europe?

- While the leaders of eastern Europe had accepted that Stalin needed friendly governments in eastern Europe, and that Stalin could have a Soviet “sphere of influence” there, they were not prepared for such total Communist domination.

- Western leaders thought that eastern European governments should be both DEMOCRATIC and friendly to the Soviets.

- Stalin saw it as making himself secure; Truman saw it as the spread of Communism. Truman first looked to Greece and Turkey.

Use the information to summarise the issues of Greece and Turkey in Truman’s speech bubbles

GREECE
- The Nazis were driven out in 1944
- Two rival groups wanted to rule: Communists and Monarchists
- Communists wanted Greece to be a part of the Soviet Republic
- Monarchists wanted the return of the King.
- Between 1945 and Feb 1947 the British has sent troops to Greece in support of the Monarchists, and the King was returned to power.
- The Civil War from 1946 proved too much for British to control, so they left 24/2/47.
- This was a problem – another country of eastern Europe was in danger of “falling” to communism.

TURKEY
- Stalin was trying to gain influence in Turkey
- He wanted access to the Mediterranean sea so the USSR could use the Black Sea Straits.
- Truman was worried that Stalin might use Turkey as a stepping-stone to spread communism to the Middle East.
- The Middle East was important to the USA because of its oil reserves.
The Truman Doctrine

- The **Truman Doctrine** was a promise made by US president Harry S. Truman on March 12, 1947. It stated that the USA would support Greece and Turkey with economic (money) and military aid to prevent their falling into the Soviet sphere of influence.
- President Truman made the promise in an address to the U.S. Congress on March 12, 1947, amid the crisis of the Greek Civil War (1946-1949). Truman said that if Greece and Turkey did not receive the aid that they needed, they would inevitably fall to Communism with further consequences. He wanted to stop more countries becoming Communist if he could.
- But also Truman called upon Americans to "support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation (control) by armed minorities or by outside pressures," and stand up against the USSR and Communists.
- In the short term the Truman Doctrine meant the USA granted $400 million ($300 million to Greece and $100 million to Turkey) in military and economic aid. But soon this idea was spread to the whole of Europe when the Marshall Plan offered economic aid to all countries in Europe.
- In the longer term it meant that the USA was committed to opposing Communism where ever it might appear around the world. It meant that the USA would not just sit and let Communism take over the world.

1. What was the Truman Doctrine?
2. Why was money given to Greece and Turkey?
3. How much money was given to Greece and Turkey?
4. What did the Truman Doctrine mean in the long term?

It wasn't Greece and Turkey that were suffering after the war however:

- Homeless people
- Refugees
- Shortage of food and clothing
- Shortage of fuel
- Debts from cost of war effort
- Damage caused by war (roads, bridges etc)
- Cost of rebuilding damaged homes
- Problems in post-war Europe
The Marshall Plan

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- The plan was in operation for four years beginning in July 1947. During that period some US$ 13 billion in economic and technical assistance were given to help the recovery of the European countries that were Capitalist and Democratic.
- The Marshall Plan happened because after six years of war, much of Europe was devastated with millions killed and injured. Most major cities had been badly damaged, with industrial production especially hard-hit. Many of the continent's greatest cities, including Warsaw and Berlin, lay in ruins. Millions had been made homeless and railways, bridges, and roads had all been damaged.
- Another reason why the Marshall plan happened was because people believed that making Europe more prosperous would stop the chances of another war there and would help to make sure that Communism didn’t spread to other countries like, Italy, France and Britain.
- The impact of the Marshall Plan was very important. The money allowed countries to stop rationing, which made people happier and made it less likely that Communist would convince people to let them run the country. By the time the plan had come to completion, the economy of every participant state, with the exception of Germany, had grown well past pre-war levels and no more European countries became Communist.

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1. What was the Marshall Plan?
2. What were the two main aims of the Marshall Plan?
3. Why do you think the Marshall Plan was seen as a threat by the USSR?
4. How much aid money was given to France, Britain and Germany?
The Truman Doctrine was America’s new attitude towards world politics. It was based on Truman’s view that only the USA had the power and resources to stand up to the USSR. Under this Doctrine, the USA would send money, equipment and advice when a country was threatened by a Communist takeover (in America’s opinion).

Truman believed that communism succeeded when people faced poverty and hardship. So he sent General George Marshall to assess the economy of Europe. Truman’s aim was to stop Communism spreading out of Eastern Europe – this was called CONTAINMENT. Turkey and Greece were the first targets of containment.

What Marshall found was a ruined economy, that owed $11.5 billion to the USA and was struggling to recover from the war. Churchill described Europe as a “rubble heap, a breeding ground of hate” and likely to see the appeal of a communist system.

General Marshall suggested about $17 billion would be needed to bring Europe back to prosperity and to improve the lives of its citizens. The Marshall plan as it became known was in his own words “directed against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos”.

It took congress (America’s parliament) months to approve it – after all it was costing Americans a lot of money. Many Americans believed the USA had done enough to help Europe during WWII and didn’t want to have to pay more in taxes.

The communists took over Czechoslovakia in 1948. When they came to power, they PURGED many anti-Communists. One pro-American minister MASARYK was found dead. This persuaded CONGRESS that the USSR were expanding their influence, and they made $17billion available over 4 years..
## Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan

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**Key Objective: How did the USSR react to the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan?**

Imagine you’re Stalin:

- In March 1946 Churchill talked about the ‘Iron Curtain.’ A year later, March 1947 Truman lays out the Truman Doctrine and in June the Marshall Plan is put in place throughout Western Europe.
- How are you feeling?
- What do you do to ensure countries in your sphere of influence do not accept Marshall Aid?

Go to the following link and watch the short video clip to recap what we know about Eastern Europe.
[https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zt8ncwx/revision/5](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zt8ncwx/revision/5)

I was initially interested in America’s plan

BUT, clearly this is American interference!

I forbade all eastern European countries from applying for aid

Marshall Plan is clearly anti-Communist, and if successful it might weaken my hold on my sphere!

To make sure I keep my grip on my sphere I must offer my own help...

Stalin’s response to the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan was...

Both of these organisations were an attempt to protect the Soviet sphere of influence in Eastern Europe and mirror what the USA had done. Cominform = Truman Doctrine, Comecon = Marshall Plan/

**COMINFORM**

Communist INFORMATION Bureau

**COMECON**

Council for Mutual ECONomic Aid

Read the information on the next page about Cominform and Comecon and then answer the short answer questions on page 34.
COMINFORM

• Cominform was the Communist Information Bureau that was established in 1947 by Stalin. It was an organisation set up to represent Communist Parties all across Europe and bring the under the direction of the USSR.

• The first Cominform conference rejected Marshall Aid. The Eastern European governments refused to accept it and the Western parties encouraged strikes against the plan. In France 2 Million worker went on strike in protest against Marshall Aid.

• Cominform was set up in order to test the loyalty of Eastern European governments. It investigated and removed those minister who weren't loyal. In Hungary 5% of the population was in prison by 1953. Cominform consolidated the power of the USSR through Eastern Europe by stamping out the opposition.

• Originally Cominform was based in Yugoslavia but after they were expelled it’s headquarters moved to Bucharest the capital of Romania.

Yugoslavia

• All of the governments in eastern Europe followed Stalin’s directions except Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia was led by Marshal Tito, who resisted the USSR’s domination.

• The Soviet Union maintained a propaganda battle against Tito, but in 1948 they EXPELLED Yugoslavia from COMINFORM

• Throughout 1947 and into 1948, Tito harshly criticized Soviet leader Joseph Stalin’s lack of assistance to communists fighting for power in Greece. When Tito refused to tone down his complaints, Stalin ordered Yugoslavia expelled from COMINFORM.

COMECON

• Comecon was the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance that was established in 1949 by Stalin as a counter for Marshall Plan. Stalin knew that the Marshall Plan was very attractive to some Eastern European governments. he ordered his satellites states to boycott it and so he needed to set up a Communist alternative.

• In the first year, Comecon compromised of USSR, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania and East Germany joined soon after. It was aimed at encouraging economic development and preventing trade with Western Europe and America.

However there were multiple key implications:

• Politically it would minimize American influence in eastern Europe.

• Economically it ensured that benefits of the economic recovery in Eastern Europe remained in Eastern Europe.

• It also meant that Eastern Europe did not have access to the prosperity of Western Europe.

• The USSE benefitted from it more than the countries of Eastern Europe as they had access to raw materials and a guaranteed market to sell goods to.

• For example Poland was forced to sell its coal to the USSR at 1/10 of the price it would have got on the open market

• In 1964 it set up a bank for socialist and communist countries to allow them to borrow money for investment.

USA and USSR had both realized following Potsdam, that Europe had been divided into two Camps. Division hardened as a result of Marshall Aid, which brought Western Europe in to the American camp. Comecon and Cominform formed a Soviet Camp in the East. Marshall Aid and Comecon turned these ‘spheres of influence into economic alliances.
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In 1948 Yugoslavia was expelled from Cominform because its leader, Tito, would not follow Stalin’s wishes. This suggested to the West that Stalin wanted complete control of the communist world and increased suspicion that he just wanted to increase Soviet control.

*Source: B – Taken from a GCSE History textbook*

We saw the Marshall Plan as the Americans wanting to control the countries to which they gave Marshall Aid. We saw it as an act of aggression by the Americans. This is why it was never accepted by the Soviet Union.

*Source: C - Written by Dimitri Sukhanov a Soviet politician in 1947*

“America’s Marshall Aid is nothing more than Dollar Imperialism”. (Imperialism = where a country controls another)

*Source: D - Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister*

“Every nation must choose between different ways of life ... We must help free peoples work out their own destiny in their own way.”

*Source F: President Truman - 1947*

‘American duty’ is just a smokescreen for a plan of expansion ... They try to take control of Greece by shouting about ‘totalitarianism*. (*This is where a government has total control over citizens lives)*

*Source G: Soviet newspaper Izvestia 1947*

1. What message does Source A give to the intention behind Marshall Aid?
2. According to Source C why did the Americans introduce the Marshall Plan

3. Study Source D. What is meant by the term ‘Dollar Imperialism’?

4. Study Source E. What does the gun represent? What message is the cartoonist trying to get across?

5. Study Source H. What is the reason for the introduction of Marshall Aid according to this cartoonist?

6. Study Source B. What does this source suggest about Stalin’s intentions for establishing Cominform?

7. Study Sources F and G. What opposing messages are there for the reasons behind the establishment of Comecon and Marshall Aid? Why do these Sources have these views?
Write an account of the USSR’s reaction to the Marshall Plan. [8 marks]
Key Objective: Why did Stalin blockade Berlin in 1948 and what were the consequences for the Cold War?

Explain why Germany being divided in this way would cause problems during the Cold War.

Use the information below to explain how and why the view of Stalin and Truman and Attlee differed.

We want Germany to recover from war as it is so important for trade in Europe. Without a strong Germany, the rest of the countries in Europe will suffer.

I want a weak Germany because I see them as a threat to myself and my country. They cause nothing but problems and a strong Germany cannot be tolerated!

I'm going to take what I can from East Germany's industry because I want massive compensation for the 20 million Russians that died. Germany must remain weak.

Look very carefully at the cartoon, and use your prior knowledge...

What can you **SEE**?

What do you **THINK** is happening?

What do you **WONDER** about?
**September 1949**: The Western Allies finally stop the airlift. By this time, 275,000 flights have carried in 1½ million tons of supplies and a plane had landed on average every 3 minutes. 65 lives have been lost due to plane collisions and crashes. America, Britain and France have now united their zones into the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany).

**March 1948**: The 'Marshall Plan' promises American money to any country facing poverty. $13.5 billion pours into Europe, including the French, British and American zones of Berlin. Stalin forms an economic alliance between the East European states – COMECON.

**May 11th 1949**: The Soviets finally lift their blockade at midnight. The Western Allies continue to airlift supplies into Berlin until September as a stockpile in case the blockade starts again.

**June 25th**: The commander of the American occupation zone in Germany, General Clay, wants to send supplies into Berlin using an armed convoy of lorries. President Truman rejects this idea because he thinks it could too easily lead to military confrontation; instead, he orders that supplies be flown into Berlin. The 'Berlin Airlift' is on!

**April 16th 1949**: 1400 flights bring in 13,000 tons of supplies – and Berlin only needs 6,000 tons a day to survive! The USA has also stationed B-29 bombers (which could carry an atomic bomb) in Britain.

**November 1945**: Stalin agrees that the Western Allies should have access to three air routes alongside one road, and one railway route, to reach their zones of Berlin (which is deep inside the Russian zone of Germany).

**June 1st 1948**: UK and USA merge their zones of Germany into one united area called 'Bizonia'. Soon, France will join the merger too (Trizonia) and plans start to be made to create a new 'West Germany'. All the Western zones recover rapidly thanks to Marshall Aid. The Soviet zones continue to be stripped of resources for reparations and suffer poverty.

**March 1947**: The 'Truman Doctrine' promises American support to any country resisting communism. This policy becomes known as 'containment'. Stalin responds by forming a political alliance between the communist East European states – COMINFORM.

**October 1949**: Stalin has set up the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). He continues to strip it of resources, and many escape to the West through the air, road and rail routes leading out of West Berlin.

**June 24th 1948**: The Russians have stopped all road and rail traffic into the Western zones of Berlin, blaming 'technical difficulties'. The people of West Berlin now face slow and deliberate starvation! Stalin feels the allies face a tough choice: either surrender Berlin to Stalin, or back down so that Stalin lets them in again!

**June 26th 1948**: 'Operation Vittles' is launched – the first American planes start flying from Western Germany into Berlin, dropping supplies to the beleaguered inhabitants.

**December 1948**: 'Operation Santa Claus' brings Christmas gifts to 10,000 Berlin children. West Berliners are now living on dried potatoes, powdered eggs and cans of meat. They have only 4 hours of electricity a day.
Events relating to the Berlin Blockade and Airlift
Watch the following video clip to recap the events of the Berlin Blockade
[https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zt8ncwx/revision/7]

Read the information below about the consequences of the Berlin blockade and Airlift and then complete the table on the next page to analyse the impact.

I clearly can’t rival the country with the most powerful weapon in the world.

The Soviet Union must now ensure that we develop our own nuclear weapon so we can secure our place on the world stage.

I finally have proof that the USSR is trying to take over parts of Europe.

This helps me prove to the rest of the world that we need to start taking ACTION!

Stalin backs down

- Stalin increased his priority for nuclear weapons
- He increased nuclear testing to be more frequent
- The Soviet Union would soon have their own atomic bomb....

Truman’s proof

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was formed in reaction to Soviet aggression in April 1949.

I am not happy, This is clearly a threat to my power!

Stalin’s reaction to NATO

- The Warsaw Pact was created as a “defence” organisation run by the USSR.
- Created 14th May 1955

This is Stalin reasserting his power!!!

A permanent division

- The combined western sectors of Germany and Berlin became the “FRG” or Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)
- The Soviet parts became the German Democratic Republic (GDR)

The “IRON CURTAIN” is now permanently across Europe

Once the Allies had combined their zones and pledged to make Germany prosperous again there was a clear division
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This source has a negative view of the actions of the USSR during the Berlin Blockade. **How do you know?**

Explain your answer using the source and your contextual knowledge. [8 marks].
8 Mark Exam Question (see back of booklet for reminders on structure)
Write an account of the Berlin Blockade and Airlift and it’s impact on the Cold War. [8 marks]
How to approach Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945–1972 questions

Q: This source supports X, how do you know? (4 marks)

1. Make sure you focus on what it supports (this will be different depending on the source!)
2. You need one PEE paragraph
3. Find two things the source says or shows that supports X and quote or describe this
4. Explain how this these quotes or descriptions support X.

Q: How useful are Sources B and C to an historian studying X*? (12 marks)

1. Keep your answer focused on what the sources tell you about X*
2. You need two PEE paragraphs, one on B, and then one on source C.
3. For each source identify and explain two things it shows or infers (CONTENT) about X*
4. For each source identify and explain at least aspect of it’s author or purpose etc. (PROVENANCE) that makes is useful in relation to X*
5. Explain an overall judgement - which source is more useful?

Q: Write an account of... (8 marks)

1. You will be given an event or a key development from the time period.
2. Within this named event you must identify two causes/events, and their consequences.
3. You must explain why these were a cause and the consequences of them in well two developed PEE paragraphs.
4. Use at least three examples to support your explanation in each paragraph.
5. Explain the links between the causes/events you identified.

Q: How far do you agree... (16 marks + 4SPGST)

1. This question will be on an issue we’ve debated in lesson
2. Set out your overall view in the first sentence – stick to this
3. Write two well developed PEE paragraphs one explaining the examples which agree... ‘I agree because...’ and one which explains the examples that challenge ‘I disagree because...’
4. Include at least three facts/examples in each of the two paragraphs
5. Explain an overall judgement – explain how much you agree – ‘fully, a little, to an extent’