* The Cold War
* Test #8
* VUS 13
* Origins of the Cold War

Two superpowers after World War II

Two Viewpoints

United States

-Believes in Democracy - spread world wide

-Free Market Economy

Soviet Union

-Believes in Communism - spread world wide

-Security from attack

* Conflict intensified due to mistrust
* **Yalta Conference:**
* Discussion of post-war Germany
* Big Three
  + Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin
* Germany divided – Soviets pledge to enter against Japan
* **Cold War – a struggle by the US and Soviet Union to dominate the world**
  + Nations avoid direct confrontations
  + Block each other’s goals around the world
* Soviet/Communist “Aggression”
* Soviet Union - lost over 35 million - WWI and WWII
* Soviets occupied all of Eastern Europe
* Create buffer to western - “Satellite Nations” – communist governments –Churchill describes as an “Iron Curtain”
* Refuses to reunite Germany or Berlin
* Fails to reunite Korea
* Continued communist takeovers in China, Cuba and Vietnam
* US Options to Communist Aggression
* Go to War – have military in place – US people oppose it right after WWII – want “good times”
* Do nothing or just allow it – APPEASEMENT FAILED at Munich Conference by British and French
* **Containment – the policy of trying to stop the spread of communism**

**- Be prepared to take action at any further aggression**

**- See Soviets - “New Nazis” (Stalin=Hitler)**

* The Containment of Communism
* **Truman Doctrine**

Provided $114 million of aid to Greece and Turkey to prevent a communist takeover

* **Marshall Plan**

Provided $14 Billion to rebuild western Europe to prevent the spread of communism

[**NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkqFg7HIpEg)

* US, Canada, and 10 European nations formed NATO
  + Military alliance to prevent spread of Communism

**Warsaw Pact**

* Soviets response NATO - alliance with Eastern European nations—the Warsaw Pact

**1948 Berlin Crisis**

* Soviets blockade to East Germany
* Attempt to make western powers leave West Berlin
* Pres. Truman would not appease the Soviets - test of Containment
* US uses airlift for about a year to break blockade

[**Berlin Wall**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=k7zTbd3ZBeM)

* Most of the wall built in 1961
* Keep Eastern Germans and East Berliners from escaping to West Berlin
* The Berlin Wall – symbol of the Cold War and Containment
* Communism in Latin America
* **1.) Fidel Castro and Cuba**
* 1958: **Fidel Castro** - successful revolt against dictator Batista
  + support from Cuban middle class and peasants
* Castro then announces the country will become communist - aligns with Soviet Union
* Problem for US and Containment

[**Bay of Pigs Invasion**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSFOlmWXUm4)

* President John Kennedy – Eisenhower Plan
* CIA trains and arms 1500 Cuban refugees to send back to overthrow Castro
* Failure - made Kennedy look weak

**Cuban Missile Crisis**

* 1962: US spy plane - photographs of the nuclear missiles in Cuba
* Kennedy addresses American public ([Kennedy addressing the American people video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W50RNAbmy3M))
* US established a “quarantine” or blockade of Cuba
* Soviets honor blockade - agreement to remove the missiles
* Almost caused nuclear - superpowers realized need to negotiate
* Communism in Asia

**Red China (Mao v. Chiang)**

-Chiang Kai-shek—leader - Nationalist government – US backed

-Mao Zedong—leader - Communist forces – Soviet backed

* 1949 - Mao Zedong wins
* Americans saw China’s falling to communism as a failure of containment

[**Korean War**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJkiMw6hxjA&feature=player_embedded)

* Divided at the 38th parallel after WWII
  + North Korea—communist
  + South Korea--democratic
* June 1950: North Korean troops (communists) invaded South Korea (democratic)
* The US and United Nations send troops to S. Korea under Gen. Douglas MacArthur
* 1 million Chinese troops enter on N. Korea’s side as UN forces push to their border
* MacArthur wants to use nuclear weapons to keep the Chinese out
* fired by Truman for insubordination
* UN forces pushed back to 38th Parallel - Ceasefire established in 1953 – continues today

**Vietnam**

* Part of French Indochina - WWII
* Revolt against France – **Ho Chi Minh – Communist leader**
* **1954 – Battle of Dien Bien Phu** –France is defeated
* [**Geneva** **Accords(1954)**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SE0OviYbMMI)
  + Creation of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam out of Indochina
  + Temporary division of Vietnam at the 17th parallel
  + Free elections held in 1956 to reunite Vietnam
  + US blocks free elections in 1956 – Ho Chi Minh would win – become communist
* US creates independent democratic S. Vietnam
* Eisenhower explain US involvement as the [“**Domino Theory**”](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZh0C7cz_j0)
  + If South Vietnam fell to communism, then other nations in Southeast Asia would fall, just like dominoes
* Kennedy follows Eisenhower in supporting S. Vietnam with advisors and military aid
* [Buddhist Opposition](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjpAh4rqTv4&feature=player_embedded)
* **President John Kennedy**
* “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country”
* 1963: [Kennedy Assassination Video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q91RZko5Gw)
* 1964 – [**Gulf of Tonkin Incident/Resolution**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWAmAOctuxI&feature=player_embedded) 
  + Gives President Johnson authority to use all means necessary in Vietnam
  + Johnson begins “Americanization” – US combat forces sent to fight the war
  + Vietcong (S. Vietnamese communist) and Vietminh (North Vietnamese regular troops) - guerilla warfare
* US Airpower - [**Operation “Rolling Thunder”**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTxrq_Erw-k)
* US uses defoliant in the jungle - Agent Orange
* US strategy of [**“Search and Destroy”**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nsA9l5065s)
  + Raid villages
  + Force the people into refugee camps
  + Villages would be burned
* [**Gimme Shelter**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2T6Ho85cks)
* [**Napalm**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k26hmRbDQFw)
* Jan. 30, 1968: [**Tet Offensive**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1vJqTN-qVI&feature=player_embedded) 
  + Military installation in South Vietnam was attacked on New Year’s Day (Tet)
* Many Americans began to question the the war
* The war was televised – not censored
* Americans divided
  + Hawks—in favor of the war
  + Doves—against the war
* Increased protests in US against the Vietnam war
* [**My Lai Massacre**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtRlFtDu_6o&feature=player_embedded)
* 1969: Richard Nixon begins “Vietnamization”
  + Withdraw American troops -turn the war over to the South Vietnamese
* 1973: American troops - out of Vietnam
* 1975: Vietnam becomes communist
* [**What’s Going On**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rD78i6eoGkM&feature=player_embedded)
* **Vietnam Veterans**
* Great deal of hostility due to the War’s unpopularity
  + Many Americans called Vietnam Vets “baby killers” and other derogatory names
* Other Cold War Events
* **Space Race/Arms Race**
* Massive Retaliation – Eisenhower’s policy of using all nuclear weapons if attacked – deterrence
* Oct. 4, 1957: Soviets launch into orbit
  + Causes fear in US – had no ability to do it
  + US created **NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)**

**Fallout Shelters**

* Fear of Soviet nuclear attack - people built fallout shelters
* Schools bomb drills
* Randolph-Henry - fallout shelter

**Pres. Nixon visits China**

* 1972: Opens relations with Communist
* Détente – an easing of tensions between the US and the communist world

**Presidential Elections**

* Cold War made foreign policy a major issue in every presidential election
* A candidate could not be elected without taking a hard line on communism
* Johnson’s “Daisy Campaign Ad”
* **Cold War and Virginia**
* Heavy military expenditures throughout the Cold War benefited Virginia’s economy
* Hampton Roads/Nolfork/Virginia Beach—home to several large naval and air bases
* Northern Virginia—Pentagon and private companies – military contracts
* Communism at Home
* **1.)** [**HUAC (House Un-American Activities Committee)**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfKSykTPzA4&feature=player_embedded)
* Created to investigate alleged communist activities in the US
* **2.) Alger Hiss**
* FDR advisor at Yalta
* Accused by Whittaker Chambers (a former communist and editor of Time magazine) of being a communist
* On trial – HUAC – Richard Nixon prosecutor
* Evidence found in hollowed out pumpkins - “the pumpkin papers”
  + Microfilm proving Hiss was a communist
* Found guilty of perjury - 5 years in jail
* **3.) The Rosenbergs**
* **Ethel and Julius Rosenberg**
* Charges with passing information about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union
* Tried, convicted and executed for treason
* Ethel’s brother accused the couple of the act
  + worker at Manhattan Project
* **4.)** [**McCarthyism**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqQD4dzVkwk&feature=player_embedded) **– using communism and allegations as means to further political position**
* “Red Scare”
* Senator Joseph McCarthy
* McCarthy - list of over 200 people in the government and defense department that were communist.
* After a year of hearings, he had no list
  + Collapse of the Soviet Union—End of the Cold War
* **1.) Internal Problems in the Soviet Union**
* Soviet Union’s collapse - overspending on arms race
  + US ---Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)--system of satellites that could shoot down Soviet missiles before they could hit the US
* Soviet republics desired independence
* Economic system - inefficient
  + Demand for market economy--capitalism
* **2.) Pres. Reagan and Gorbachev**
  + Pres. Ronald Reagan—US president
  + Mikhail Gorbachev—Soviet Premier
  + Reagan - speech at Berlin wall
  + [Tear Down This Wall Video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtYdjbpBk6A)
* Reagan increased US military and economic pressure – Soviet Union “Evil Empire”
* Gorbachev and Reagan do develop a friendly relationship
* Gorbachev’s new policies
  + *Glasnost—*openness
    - More freedom of expression and less censorship
    - *Perestroika*—free enterprise allowed
* **The fall of the Berlin Wall is a symbol for the fall of communism**
* [Fall of the Berlin Wall Video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fK1MwhEDjHg)
  + - Post Cold War Era Goals
* **1.) President George H. W. Bush (1989–1993\_**
* Fall of communism Eastern Europe
* Germany reunited
* Collapse of Yugoslavia
* Persian Gulf War of 1990–1991
* [Operation Desert Storm](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97RnsZfc_5Q&feature=player_embedded): US led coalition forces against Iraq eventually liberating Kuwait
* First war - American women served in combat
* 2.) **President William J. Clinton (1993–2001)**
* North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
  + an agreement signed by Canada, Mexico, and the United States – reduce or eliminate trade barriers
* Full diplomatic relations with Vietnam
* Lifted of economic sanctions against South Africa after apartheid ended
* Involvement in former Yugoslavia due to atrocities being committed by Serbia
* Considered a “Centrist” – conservative in line with Reagan and Bush though a Democrat
* **3.) President George W. Bush (2001–2009)**
* Terrorists attacks [9/11/2001](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUw1Qqe1iMc)
* Creation of the Dept. of Homeland Security
* War in Afghanistan
  + Trying to free Afghanistan from Taliban rule
* War in Iraq
  + Overthrow Saddam Hussein for atrocities
  + Hussein was captured, tried, and hanged by the Iraqi people