

A10: Superpower Relations 1945-1962: Question Generator!

Key Events

- Yalta Conference
- Potsdam Conference
- USA Drops Atomic Bomb
- Kennan's Long Telegram
- 'Iron Curtain' Speech
- Novikov's Telegram
- Truman Doctrine
- Marshall Plan
- COMINFORM
- Berlin Blockade
- COMECON
- NATO
- FDR/GDR Created
- USSR Develops Atom Bomb
- Korean War
- Death of Stalin
- FDR joins NATO
- Warsaw Pact
- Khrushchev's Secret Speech
- Hungarian Uprising
- Sputnik 1
- Berlin Ultimatum
- U2 Incident/Paris Summit
- Bay of Pigs Invasion
- Berlin Wall Constructed
- Cuban Missile Crisis

Exam Questions

- a) 'Write these **five** events in the correct chronological sequence...' (3)
- b) 'Choose [event]...Describe **one effect** on the relations between the USA and the Soviet Union of the event you have chosen...' (4)
- c) 'Why was/Why did/Why had... ..Explain your answer.' (8)
- d) 'Use the source and your own knowledge to explain... why/how/changed.' (10)

General Knowledge

- Who was involved?
- What happened?
- When did it take place?
- Where did it take place?
- Why did it happen?
- How did it happen?
- What did it lead to?
- Why was this event important?
- How did this effect relations?
- Give 3 facts about this event.
- Give 3 causes of this event.
- Give 3 consequences of this event.
- Talk about this event for 1 minute

Who are these people? When did they rule? What did they do?

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman, Clement Attlee, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Nikita Khrushchev, John F. Kennedy, Anthony Eden, Harold MacMillan, Fidel Castro, Konrad Adenauer, Mao Zedong, Kim Il Sung, Syngman Rhee, Douglas MacArthur, George Kennan, George Marshall, Lucius Clay, Matyas Rakosi, Imre Nagy, Janos Kadar, Gary Powers, Fulgencio Batista, Nikolai Novikov

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WW2 and the Yalta & Potsdam Conferences

- What was the wartime alliance between the USA, UK and USSR sometimes called?
- Why was the USSR suspicious of the western allies?
- Why was the USA suspicious of the USSR?
- Who were the 'big three' at Yalta?
- What dates did the big 3 meet at Yalta?
- Which political leader was present at both?
- At Yalta, how many zones was it agreed to split Germany into?
- What was the name of the government proposed at Yalta for Poland?
- What was the declaration of liberated Europe?
- When was VE (victory in Europe) day?
- Why was VE day critical for the Potsdam Conference?
- How had Stalin broken a promise agreed at Yalta by the time Potsdam took place?
- What did Truman keep secret from Stalin at Potsdam?
- What were the main conclusions reached at each of these summits?

Soviet Power in Eastern Europe

- How many Soviet citizens died in WW2?
- What did Stalin want as a guarantee against future attack?
- What was the Soviet army called?
- Which countries did the USSR occupy by the end of WW2?
- By how many miles had Soviet territory increased in 1945?
- How did the Communists take power in Bulgaria?
- How did the Communists take power in Poland?
- Who led the Communists in Hungary?
- Who led the Communists in Czechoslovakia?
- What secret police organisation arrested all opponents in Hungary?
- When was the German Democratic Republic set-up in the Soviet controlled zone of East Germany?
- What was a 'puppet leader'?
- What phrase did Winston Churchill use to describe the separation of Western Europe & Eastern Europe?

The Truman Doctrine & Marshall Plan 1947

- What did the 'Long Telegram' report?
- What did Novikov's Telegram report?
- Why did Truman decide to get involved in Greece?
- What did the policy of 'containment' try to achieve?
- What was the 'Domino Theory'?
- What did General George C. Marshall decide after he had visited Europe?
- How much did Truman ask Congress for?
- What do the letters ERP stand for?
- What event prompted Congress to vote to allocate money for the Marshall Plan in March 1948?
- What proportion of Marshall Aid was spent on goods supplied by US suppliers?
- How did Stalin react to Marshall Aid?

Berlin Blockade and Airlift 1948-49

- In Jan 1947, USA and UK united their zones. What did they call the new zone?
- Why did the London conference of 1948 create tension about Germany?
- What event prompted Stalin to impose the blockade?
- How long did the Berlin blockade last?
- How many flights came into Berlin during the blockade?
- What was the name of Berlin's main airport?
- What was the name of the US General who thought that if Berlin fell, West Germany would be next?

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The Korean War 1950-1953

- Who was the ruler of communist North Korea?
- Who was the ruler of democratic South Korea?
- What was the name of the theory, which stated, if Korea fell to communism, other countries in the Far East would follow?
- What was the capital of South Korea?
- What was the capital of North Korea?
- What do the letters NKPA stand for?
- How did the war go in its early months - June to September 1950?
- Why didn't the USSR veto the US motion at the United Nations Security Council to defend South Korea?
- MacArthur landed in South Korea and drove the North Koreans back to the Chinese border. When did the Chinese 'people's volunteers' attack and drive the US back?
- What proportion of the UN forces were American?
- Why was General MacArthur fired?
- How did Eisenhower force the Chinese to accept peace?
- How did Marshall Aid spending change in Europe after the Korean War?

International Tension & the Arms Race - 1950s

- When did the USSR go nuclear?
- Who became leader of the USSR after the death of Stalin in 1953?
- What did he say was the only way to avoid 'the most destructive war in history?'
- What was 'destalinisation'?
- What was an example of the arms-race?
- Why did West Germany joining NATO worry the USSR?
- What was the Warsaw Pact and when was it established?
- Where did the US deploy more NATO troops?
- What is a 'clash of ideologies'?
- What was 'Sputnik 1'?
- Who was the first man to be sent into orbit?
- How did Senator McCarthy's witch-hunts attack communism in America?
- What is a U2?
- What was the Berlin Ultimatum?

The Hungarian Revolution/Uprising 1956

- What was the first sign that a revolution was starting?
- How did Rakosi use 'Salami Tactics'?
- Who took over from Rakosi on 24th Oct 1956?
- What did Khrushchev order on 28th Oct that made it look like he would accept the Hungarian Revolution?
- Name the capital of Hungary?
- How long did freedom last in Hungary?
- Which catholic leader was released from prison to join the new government?
- What did Nagy announce on 3rd November that made Khrushchev decide to send in the troops?
- How many Russian tanks were sent into Hungary?
- How many Hungarians were killed in the revolution?
- What were the results of the Soviet Invasion of Hungary?
- Why didn't the USA do more to help the revolution?

U2 Incident & Paris Summit 1960

- Why were the Russians furious about West Berlin?
- Where was a summit meeting arrange to discuss these tensions?
- What date was the U2 plane shot down in 1960?
- Who was the pilot?
- What did the Americans claim it was at first?
- What date was the summit of 1960?
- Why did Khrushchev walk out of the Paris summit?

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The Berlin Wall 1961

- How many East German refugees were fleeing to the west through West Berlin each day by 1961?
- What did the Soviets accuse the Americans of using Berlin for?
- Where was the summit of 1961 held?
- What did Khrushchev demand at the 1961 summit?
- When did Russia begin building the Berlin Wall?
- When did Kennedy visit Berlin?
- What did Kennedy claim in Berlin?
- What did Kennedy say Berlin was a symbol of?
- What were the consequences of this action?

Events of the Cuban Missile Crisis 1962

- What did Kennedy announce on TV on 22nd October?
- What happened next on 23rd October?
- What happened next on 24th October?
- What happened next on 25th October?
- What happened next on 26th October?
- What happened next on 27th October?
- What happened next on 28th October?
- What happened next on 29th October?
- What were the consequences of the Crisis?
- Who 'won' the Cuban Missile Crisis?

Causes of the Cuban Missile Crisis

- How many miles away is Cuba from Florida?
- Who was the American-backed dictator of Cuba before Castro's successful revolution in 1959?
- What did Castro do on coming to power that led to America banning Cuban sugar exports?
- How many tonnes of sugar did Khrushchev promise to buy a year from Cuba?
- Which American organisation funded, trained, armed and transported the invasion of Cuba in April 1961?
- How many Cuban exiles were trained?
- Where did the failed invasion force land?
- What was Castro's reaction to the invasion of April 1961?

How did the Cold War change?

- When did the Cold War begin?
- Was there an improvement in relations after the death of Stalin?
- Was the construction of the Berlin Wall a defensive or offensive move?
- What were the main crisis points in the Cold War 1945-1962? Why?
- Was the Cold War inevitable? Why?

Who was to blame for the Cold War? Which theory is the most accurate?

- **Soviet Historians:** blame the United States
- **Traditionalists:** all western writers before the 1970s, and many today blame the USSR for its attempt to 'impose its ideology on the rest of the world'.
- **Revisionists:** In 1959 historian William Appleman Williams suggested USA was to blame. America was at war to keep countries open to capitalism & US trade. Truman's use of atomic bomb without telling Stalin was the start of the Cold War.
- **Post-Revisionists:** John Lewis Gaddis in 1972 argued that neither USSR or USA was to blame, but was result of misunderstandings on both sides and failure to appreciate other's fears.
- **Post-1989:** Soviet files show that Soviet leaders were genuinely trying to avoid conflict: USA to blame? Modern Historians argue that it was a clash between capitalism & communism.