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?
**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?

**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?

**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?

**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.