

# Cold War Alphaboxes

Directions: Fill in the boxes below with a phrase that describes the word OR date. The letter 'C' has already been done for you.

A Airlift	B Berlin Wall	C Cuban Missile Crisis • Soviet Union supplies nuclear weapons to Cuba • Aimed at US	D Distrust	E Eastern Bloc	F Fall of the Soviet Union
G Germany	H Hot Spot	I Iron Curtain	J Joseph McCarthy	K Nikita Khrushchev	L 1945
M Mikhail Gorbachev	N NATO	O Occupation Zones	PQ Post-WWII Europe	R Reunification	S Superpowers
T 1991	UV Vietnam War	WX Korean War	YZ 1989	* Cold War	* Communism

## Summary: The Cold War

### Superpowers at War

After World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union were the world's strongest nations. They were called superpowers. They had different ideas about economics and government. They fought a war of ideas called the Cold War. The Soviet Union was a communist country. In communism, the government controls production and resources. It decides where people live and work. The United States is a capitalist country. In capitalism, people and businesses control the production of goods. People decide where they live and work.

The Cold War began in Europe after World War II. The Soviet Union won control of Eastern Europe. It controlled half of Germany and half of Germany's capital, Berlin. The United States, Britain, and France controlled western Germany and West Berlin. In June 1948, the Soviet Union blocked roads and railroads that led to West Berlin. The United States, Great Britain, and France flew in supplies. This was called the Berlin Airlift.

### Cold War Conflicts

After World War II, Korea was divided into North and South Korea. North Korea became communist. South Korea was a capitalist country. North Korean army invaded South Korea. The United Nations sent soldiers to help South Korea. China sent soldiers to help North Korea. The war ended in 1953. Neither side won. Korea is still divided.

The United States and the Soviet Union were in a nuclear arms race. In 1959, Cuba became a communist country and the Soviets secretly put missiles there. President Kennedy was afraid the Soviet Union would attack the United States. He sent warships to surround Cuba. He hoped a blockade would force the Soviet Union to remove its missiles. This conflict was called the Cuban Missile Crisis. For six days, nuclear war seemed possible. Then the Soviet Union removed the missiles.

### Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

**communism** *noun*, a system in which the government controls production and owns the nation's natural and capital resources

**capitalism** *noun*, a system in which ordinary people and businesses control the production of goods and services

**arms race** *noun*, a contest between nations to build bigger and more powerful weapons

### After You Read

**REVIEW** What was the Berlin Airlift just before the Cold War began? Circle the paragraph that tells how the United States, Britain, and France helped people in West Berlin.

**REVIEW** What did Kennedy do to end the Cuban Missile Crisis? Underline the sentences that tell why President Kennedy sent warships to Cuba.

# The Cold War: Who's & What's

**Directions:** BEFORE the unit, write what you *think* each term means. AFTER the presentation, you will write down new information about each term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cold War</b></p> <p>What:</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>Illustration:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communism</b></p> <p>What:</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>Illustration:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Iron Curtain</b></p> <p>What:</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>Illustration:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Berlin Airlift</b></p> <p>What:</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>Illustration:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Korean War</b></p> <p>What:</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>Illustration:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NATO</b></p> <p>What:</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>Illustration:</p>

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<b>Cuban Missile Crisis</b> What:  Where:  Illustration:	<b>Vietnam War</b> What:  Where:  Illustration:
<b>Superpowers</b> What:  Where:  Illustration:	<b>Soviet Union</b> What:  Where:  Illustration:

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## START

Who has the rivalry between the US and Soviet Union that lasted from 1945 to 1991?

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I have **Cold War**. Who has the system where the central government has total control of the country?

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I have **Communism**. Who has the event where NATO flew supplies into Berlin to help citizens blockaded by the Soviets?

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I have **Berlin Airlift**. Who has the conflict where communist North Korea invaded democratic South Korea?

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I have **Korean War**. Who has the organization that was created to combat the spread of communism?

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I have **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**. Who has the anti-communist US Senator that scared Americans about communism?

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I have **Joseph McCarthy**.  
Who has the Soviet  
dictator responsible for  
placing missiles in Cuba?

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I have **Iron Curtain**. Who has the  
event where Soviet missiles were  
placed in Cuba and aimed at the  
US?

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I have **Vietnam War**. Who has  
the country that sought to  
spread communism worldwide  
during the Cold War?

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I have **Nikita Khrushchev**. Who has  
the symbolic boundary that divided  
Europe into communist east and  
democratic west?

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I have **Cuban Missile Crisis**. Who  
has the war where communist  
North Vietnam fought to  
overtake democratic South  
Vietnam?

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I have **Soviet Union**. Who has the  
phrase for the US and Soviet Union  
during the Cold War because they  
both had powerful political and  
military strength?

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I have **Superpowers**. Who has the divider that was built to separate communist East Berlin from democratic West Berlin?

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I have **Berlin Wall**. Who has the event that occurred when East Germany and West Germany finally were reunited to become one country?

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I have German  
Reunification.  
**STOP**

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