5HD450 Chapters in History of the Cold War

1. Conditions of Cold War emergence. Looking for the real roots of the Cold War.





Useful information

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What is it going to be about?

- 1. Conditions of Cold War emergence, looking for the real roots of the Cold War.
- 2. Beginnings of the Cold War.
- 3. Question of Germany and the European integration.
- 4. Korean War.
- 5. Berlin Wall Crisis and Cuban Missile Crisis.
- 6. Space race.
- 7. Vietnam War.
- 8. Détente period.
- 9. The end of détente.
- 10. War in Afghanistan.
- 11. New arms race.
- 12. The role of China.
- 13. The end of the Cold War.

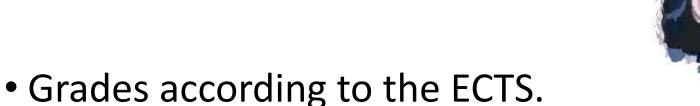


What do I want from you?

BE ACTIVE! THINK! ASK! HAVE FUN!

Midterm test 50 %

• Final test 50 %



• In case of 4+ (total of 50-59%) a make-up test covering the whole semester.

What to get ready for the tests from?

- Your notes + my ppt slides on InSIS
- Papers and documents distributed (via InSIS)
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Coining the Cold War



- George Orwell You and the Atomic Bomb (1945)
- Period of political and military tension after World War II
- No real large-scale war proxy wars
 X possible nuclear world war (mutually assured destruction MAD)
 X massive propaganda, psychological warfare, espionage, rivalry
- Forming of the Western and Eastern Bloc major economic and political differences
- Non-Aligned Movement
- Beginning 1947 Truman Doctrine announced (?)
- End 1991 collapse of the USSR (?)

Origins of the Cold War

- Some historians argue about the beginning ...
- Beginning October Revolution in Russia in 1917
 - Anti-Bolshevik movement supported by the West
 - 1918 U.S. troops in Russia
 - International diplomatic isolation
- 1921 Soviet Russia established and surrounded by a "hostile capitalist encirclement"
 - 1928 Soviets accused the British and French of a planned coup d'état
 - Until 1933 United States had refused to acknowledge the existence of the USSR





- Efforts to change situation abroad "present capitalist encirclement is replaced by a socialist encirclement"
 - 1926 support of the general strike in the United Kingdom

World War II is coming ...

- 1939 the Soviet Union signed a **non-aggression pact** and commercial agreement with Nazi Germany (1939) allies
- 1941 Nazi Germany attacked the Soviet Union
- Soviet Union formed an alliance with the United Kingdom and the United States
- Lend-Lease Program supply of American goods and warfare material, weapons for American allies
- Both sides extremely cautious
 - Stalin suspected the Western Allies of delayed opening of the Western Front x Soviet Union delayed their support for the Polish uprising
 - Roosevelt was a bit more naive toward the USSR

Impossibility of agreement

Wartime conferences

- Conflicts about future political, economic, and trade systems in Europe
- 1945 Yalta occupation of Germany, postwar reparations from Germany, loans
- 1945 Potsdam administration of Germany, future of Germany

Future of the Eastern Europe

- independent, democratic states
 x satellite socialist states
- Creation of the Eastern Bloc
- Continuing occupation of eastern Germany







Readings & videos

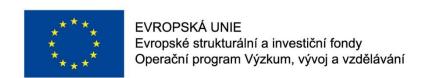
Documentaries

BBC The Cold War - Comrades

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22KIQ1QNnhE&list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3x GP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc

The Cold War - From War to Cold

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpYCplyBknI
- Cold War History Videos
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVqziNV7dGY
 - http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history/videos
 - http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/
- Specialized Resources / Collections / Cold War Files
 - https://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project
 - http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/collections
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