

World History Introduction to the Cold War

1. How did events during World War II set the stage for the Cold War?
2. Describe the role that NATO and the Warsaw Pact played in escalating the Cold War. What are the similarities to events preceding World War I? What are the differences?
3. Which "side" in the Cold War favored decolonization of former colonies and which "side" was opposed? Why?
4. Emerging nations took one of three positions in the Cold War world—what were these positions? Which position did most emerging nations favor? Why?
5. How were prices determined under Capitalism? Under Soviet Communism? Which system did emerging nations favor? Why?

6. Compare the Marshall Plan and the development of the western economies to those of the development of economies in the Soviet Bloc.

7. How did provision of loans and arms to countries outside of Europe increase Cold War tensions? What role did the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank play?

8. How did the Truman Doctrine and events in Turkey and Greece lead to the development of the Warsaw Pact?

9. How did the Korean War and the Vietnam War demonstrate the reluctance of World Powers to use warfare to settle territorial disputes?

10. How did the Cuban Missile Crisis paradoxically lead to a relative calming of fears about Nuclear annihilation?