Cold War 1941-1991
Section 1: The Origins of the Cold War 1941-1958

What is a Cold War?

- No side actually fought, this would have made it a ‘hot’ war.
- They didn't fight, because the consequences would have been catastrophic – WHY?
- This was a war based on ideologies (beliefs) Capitalism Vs. Communism (West) (East)
They loaned countries money to get them on side

They threatened each other with war

World War III nearly broke out several times.......

They tried to persuade countries to turn against their enemy

They spied on each other

They built weapons to destroy each other - MAD
Vs. WW2
1939-1945

Vs. Cold War
1945-1991

What went wrong between USA & Soviet Union?
“Common Enemy”
Prior to the Cold War, America and the USSR worked together in the Grand Alliance. This was created to defeat the Nazis. It was a ‘Marriage of convenience’ between Communists and Capitalists.

What was the convenience?

In a nutshell:

The Grand Alliance hated & feared each other, but they hated Hitler and Nazism more. When it was clear Hitler would lose, the tension and cracks began in the Alliance, they had no idea how post-war Europe should be governed.
The Cold War
1949 to 1990

- Berlin Wall
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Korean War
- Afghanistan
- Vietnam

Mutually Assured Destruction
M.A.D
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What were the ideologies of the USA & Soviet Union?

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The rights of the working class

- Classless society & equality
- Individual freedom, some have power some don't

Democratic elections - choice of parties

- Single-party rule
- Individual rights

Which ideology do you think these examples belong to?
What were the ideologies of the USA & Soviet Union?

**Capitalism:**

Capitalists believe everyone should be free to own property and business and make as much money as they can. The USA’s economic ideology was capitalist.

**Communism:**

Communists believe that all property, including homes and businesses, should belong to the state, to ensure that every member of society has a fair share. Communism was the political ideology of the Soviet Union.

Why is this important?

Following WW2, Europe was split. The Soviet ‘Red Army’ took control of the East making it Communist. Western Europe remained Capitalist.

The Fear was:

- USA feared Communism spreading West
- Soviets feared Capitalism spreading East
Stick your map into your book, we’ll refer to this frequently over the coming months
Stick these sources in your book and annotate them...

• What can you see? There are lots of observations you can make from them
• What is the message of both sources?