Unit 14
The Cold War

Social Studies – ESO-4
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• Background
  • Peace was not stable.
  • USA and USSR were different.
  • No fighting but alliances and diplomatic conflict.
  • The USA was afraid of the spread of Communism.
  • The USSR blockaded Berlin.
  • In 1949 the two Germanies appeared and NATO was formed.
  • 1955 Warsaw Pact.
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• Eastern Europe
  • The USSR controlled Eastern Europe.
  • In 1961 Berlin was divided by a wall.

• The Cold war in Asia.
  • In 1949 Mao transformed China into a Communist State.
  • Cold War was extended to Asia because the USA felt the Communist threat.
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• War in Korea (1950)

- Former colony of Japan which was divided in North (pro communist) and South (pro USA) after WWII.
- Communist North Korea got the support of China to reunite the country and went to war.
- The USA, UN and Western countries support South Korea.
- In 1953 both sides agreed a cease-fire.
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• The Cuban crisis
  • Since 1949 Batista, a military dictator ruled Cuba.
  • In 1956 Fidel Castro made a frustrated attempt to overthrow government.
  • In 1959 Castro began a guerrilla war and overthrow the government.
  • In 1961 Kennedy failed to invade Cuba landing in the Bay of Pigs.
  • Castro got Soviet military assistance with missiles.
  • A naval blockade of Cuba was ordered by Kennedy.
  • Hot phone line between USA and USSR.
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- The Vietnam War
  - In 1954 France withdrew from Indochina thanks to Geneva Agreement.
  - Vietnam was partitioned into Communist North and democratic South.

![Protest in Vietnam from the 1960s]
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- Eastern Europe and the USSR during and after the 1960s.
  - Czechoslovakia rebelled against communism (1968).
  - In 1980 Poland had Walesa as leader of a trade union called Solidarity demanding rights.
  - In 1988 soviet leader Gorbachev set the Eastern European countries free. His new policies were Glasnost and Perestroika.
  - In 1989 the cold war ended.
  - In 1991 the USSR dissolved.
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