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Cold War Activity

1: Stalin’s Policies

1. Explain collectivization.
2. What were the purges?
3. Describe the Five Year Plans.
4. Evaluate which of Stalin’s policies. Which do you feel was the most impactful on the Soviet Union? Why?
5. If Stalin’s policies had not been so harsh, how different do think history would be?

2: Space Race

1. Why do you think the Soviets and Americans competed in space exploration?
2. Who seemed to be winning the Space Race? Why?
3. What do you think is the significance of the event in the 1970s?

3: 1950-1960s Key Events

1. Take notes on the events.

Destalinization (1956)-

U2 Incident (1960)-

Berlin Wall (1961)-

Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)-

1. Which event do you think was the most significant? Why?

4: 1970s Key Events

1. Détente-
2. SALT (1972)-
3. Peaceful Coexistence (1973)-
4. Why do you suppose these events occurred?

5: Gorbachev (1985-1991)

1. How was Gorbachev different than previous Soviet leaders?
2. Glasnost-
3. Perestroika-
4. How do you think glasnost and perestroika might lead to the fall of communism in the USSR?

6: End of Cold War

1. Fill in the timelines.

**Eastern Europe**

**Soviet Union**

1. How do you think the end of communism in Eastern Europe impacted the Soviet Union?

Quotes

1. "There are many people in the world who really don't understand, or say they don't, what is the great issue between the free world and the Communist world. Let them come to Berlin. There are some who say that communism is the wave of the future. Let them come to Berlin. And there are some who say in Europe and elsewhere we can work with the Communists. Let them come to Berlin. And there are even a few who say that it is true that communism is an evil system, but it permits us to make economic progress. Lass'sie nach Berlin kommen. Let them come to Berlin." President Kennedy, June 26, 1963

Why did Kennedy say this?

1. “We could only solve our problems by cooperating with other countries. It would have been paradoxical not to cooperate. And therefore we needed to put an end to the Iron Curtain, to change the nature of international relations, to rid them of ideological confrontation, and particularly to end the arms race.” Mikhail Gorbachev

“I paid too heavy a price for perestroika.” Mikhail Gorbachev

Analyze what Gorbachev said in these 2 quotes.