

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

### A Changing World

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Winston Churchill – “iron curtain” separated Eastern Europe from Western Europe
2. Cold War Tensions
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - U.S. & Soviet Union
    - i. U.S. feared that communism would spread to other nations (even by force)
    - ii. Soviet Union feared that U.S. would spread its culture & ideas about democracy to countries that they controlled
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_-policy to keep the Soviet Union and China from spreading communism
    - i. Focused on nonmilitary actions
      1. Both countries prepared for war
      2. Arms race began
      3. \_\_\_\_\_ - U.S. joined European nations (Britain, Italy, France) in the \_\_\_\_\_ (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
      4. \_\_\_\_\_-Soviet Union allied with Hungary, Poland, and Romania in the \_\_\_\_\_ Pact

What fueled tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union?

1. Korea and Cuba
  - a. After WWII, Korea was divided into 2 parts

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ = communist with the help of Soviet Union
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ North Korea invaded South Korea to unite all of Korea under communist government
  - 1. U.S. and United Nations sent troops to protect South Korea
  - 2. Soviet Union and China sent troops to protect North Korea
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_-Korean War ended (no victories)
  - 1. Border at the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel or 98 degrees north latitude
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ - U.S. & Soviet Union tensions have increased
- c. \_\_\_\_\_-U.S. discovered Soviet missiles in Cuba
  - i. President JFK demanded that \_\_\_\_\_ Khrushchev have them removed
  - ii. JFK ordered blockades to stop Soviet shipments of supplies to Cuba
    - 1. Soviet Union ships continued to sail towards the blockade but turned at the last minute
    - 2. Cuban Missile Crisis
      - a. Almost caused a war
- d. \_\_\_\_\_-U.S and Soviet Union signed a treaty to limit nuclear weapon testing

Why did President Kennedy order a blockade against Cuba?

### 1. Vietnam

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ - Vietnam had won its independence from France
  - i. Still divided into northern and southern regions

- ii. North Vietnam-communist government supported by China and Soviet Union
  - iii. South Vietnam was supported by U.S.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ - North Vietnam and South Vietnam went to war because they failed to reunite through elections
  - i. U.S. sent military advisers to help the South Vietnam army win the war
  - ii. Victory seemed to no happen
    - 1. President Lindon Johnson ordered U.S. soldiers to Vietnam
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ -180,000 U.S. soldiers fought in Vietnam
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ - 390,000 U.S. soldiers fought in Vietnam
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ - 550,000 U.S. soldiers fought in Vietnam
- f. Americans hated this
- g. President Nixon increased bombing in Vietnam
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ -U.S., North & South Vietnam agreed to stop fighting
- i. 58,000 Americans had died in the war
- j. 360,000 Americans had been \_\_\_\_\_
- k. April 1975-North Vietnam captured \_\_\_\_\_ (South Vietnam capital)
- l. North Vietnam had won
  - i. Communism spread throughout all of Vietnam
  - ii. U.S. stopped all trade with Vietnam until \_\_\_\_\_

What inferences can you make about the increase in the number of soldiers sent to Vietnam?

## The End of the Cold War

- a. \_\_\_\_\_-detente (policy to relax the tensions between communist nations and democratic nations)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_-President Nixon met with Mao Zedong in China
  - i. Agreed to allow trade and some travel between two nations even though China is a communist country
- c. \_\_\_\_\_-Soviet Union was weak due to Cold War
  - i. U.S. gained economic strength
  - ii. President Reagan believed “peace through strength”
    - 1. Increased defense spending
- d. \_\_\_\_\_-Gorbachev became Soviet Union leader
  - i. Introduced new policies to help the weak economy and people
    - 1. Perestroika (\_\_\_\_\_)
    - 2. Glasnost (\_\_\_\_\_) gave new freedom to speak without fear of being punished
  - ii. Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia-called for total independence
- e. 1989-\_\_\_\_\_ 1st European country to gain independence from Soviet Union
- f. \_\_\_\_\_-East and West Germany reunited
- g. \_\_\_\_\_-Soviet Union divided into 15 independent republics
  - i. Gorbachev stepped down
  - ii. Cold War ended

What policies helped lead to the collapse of the Soviet Union?

## Vocabulary

Superpower

Containment

Detente