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Cold War Study Guide

- The **United Nations** was created in **1945** as a result of World War II to provide a way to negotiate disputes between countries. **Eleanor Roosevelt** worked for human rights with the United Nations. The **headquarters** for the United Nations is located in New York, New York.
- In a 1946 speech, **Winston Churchill** used the term “**Iron Curtain**” to describe Russia’s enforcement of power in eastern Europe through harsh ruling. The Communist Bloc countries under Russian control included **Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and East Germany**.
- The United States was concerned about the spread of **communism** during the Cold War.
- John F. **Kennedy**, President of the United States, and Nikita **Khrushchev**, leader of the Soviet Union, were at a standoff during the **Cuban Missile Crisis** and almost took the world into a nuclear war. **Khrushchev** supervised the launch of **Sputnik I**, the first man-made satellite, during the Space Race.
- Wisconsin Senator **Joseph McCarthy** produced a series of investigations and hearings during the 1950s in an effort to expose supposed **communist** infiltration of various areas of the U.S. government. This was known as “**McCarthyism**”.
- In order to break the Soviet blockade against **West Berlin** in 1948, the United States and Great Britain began an airlift to keep West Berlin supplied with goods. This was known as the **Berlin Airlift**.
- North Korea and South Korea both received help from other nations during the **Korean War** (1950-1953). China supported North Korea and the United States supported South Korea. North Korea embraced communism while South Korea chose democracy. The Korean War resulted in North Korea and South Korea remaining divided at the **38th Parallel**.

- The United States became involved in the **Vietnam War** (1955-1975) because it feared that if Vietnam became communist then the surrounding countries would quickly follow. It was known as the first “**televised war**” because Americans watched images from the war on their televisions. The 17th Parallel divided North Vietnam and South Vietnam. The division was a result of Cold War tensions.
- **Containment** is the foreign policy designed to stop the spread (domino effect) of **communism** in Southeast Asia.
- **NATO** (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is an international organization created by the United States and its allies in 1949 to prevent attacks by the Soviet Union.

Forms of Government during Cold War

Soviet Union	United States
communist	democratic
Government owns all business and land; wealth distributed equally	People own business and land
Individuals have little personal freedom	Promotes personal freedom and free enterprise Free enterprise is a system where people are free to start their own business and own their own property
Citizens do not have freedom or rights	Values human rights Citizens have freedom and rights