

COLD WAR UNIT ASSESSMENT

Name: _____

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1. Why was the Cold War 'COLD'? [1 mark] 1

- (a) The temperature was below freezing for most of the time.
- (b) There was no direct fighting between the two countries.
- (c) The leaders were thought to be cruel and 'cold-hearted'.

Your answer: B ✓

2. Think back! Remember that the USA and the USSR (Russia) were very different countries with very different beliefs in 1945. The USA was a Capitalist country and the USSR was a Communist country. Read through the following statements (A-F). For each statement, write whether it is true about a **Communist** country OR a **Capitalist** country. [3 marks] 2.5

A) You are free to criticise the government.

Capitalist ✓

B) Everybody must work for the state.

Communist ✓

C) Newspapers are mainly owned by millionaires

Capitalist. ✓

D) There should only be one political party.

Communist ✓

E) There will be strict censorship of the news.

Communist ✓

F) We should make as many products as we can and sell them for a profit. X

Communist

3. Name at least ONE leader of each the USA and the USSR during the Cold War years. [2 marks] 2

USA: John-F. Kennedy ✓

USSR: Nikita Khrushchev ✓

4. Which country created and tested the first Atomic Bomb? [2 marks] 2

America ✓

Who did they test it on?

Japan ✓

7.5

5. Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks. [9 marks] 9

After the Second World War, the winners had to decide how to deal with Germany. One German city that was thought to be very important was its capital - Berlin ✓. Both the USSR and USA ✓ wanted control of this city for many reasons.

In 1945, it was decided that Germany, and its capital city, would be split up into four ✓ pieces. Each major power would get a piece to rule as they liked. Britain, France and the USA each put their pieces together to create one large chunk. They called this chunk Trizonia ✓. They put their pieces of Berlin together too. They then started to use a new type of money ✓ that was not used in the Russian area. This made the Russian leader, Stalin ✓, very angry. He eventually blocked off all roads ✓ into to their section of the city. This was known as a blockade ✓. It meant that the Americans had to use airplanes ✓ to transport food, water and supplies to the people in their part of the city. The situation lasted for eleven months.

Word Bank:

Trizonia	blockade	Berlin	USA	
Stalin	roads	airplanes	money	four

6. In what other Cold War event was a **blockade** used? [1 mark] |

The Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba, in 1962.

7. **Source B** describes the events of the Space Race between the USSR and the USA.

Source B

The Space Race began in 1955 when both countries announced that they would soon be launching satellites into space. In 1957, the USSR made international news by successfully sending the first satellite, Sputnik 1, into orbit. Although the USA worked hard to catch up, the USSR once again pulled ahead in the race when they sent Yuri Gagarin, into space. The American President, John F Kennedy, was very embarrassed that the USA kept falling behind.

How fully does **Source B** describe the events of the Space Race? [4 marks] 2

Use the writing frame below to help you answer the question.

Source B fully/ partially / does not at all describes the events of the Space Race. (Choose one!)

The Source tells me that America was falling behind
Not an event

The Source also tells me that John F. Kennedy was not dealing very well
with that Not an event

From my own knowledge, I know America would be the first people on
the moon. ✓

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8. **Source C** is from a book written by a modern historian, John Smythe, about the Cuban Missile Crisis. The book was written in 2011.

Source C

In 1962 the Soviet Union and the United States came very close to fighting a nuclear war against each other. This crisis came about when the Americans discovered that the Soviets had built launch-pads for nuclear missiles on Cuba, an island close to the coast of Florida. To the American public, the Cuban missiles were a major threat. They demanded that President Kennedy take action.

Use the information from **Source C** to answer the questions below. [6 marks]

a) Who created the source?

John Smythe. ✓

b) When was the source created?

The book was written in 2011 ✓

c) Is the source a Primary source or a Secondary source?

Secondary source ✓

d) What type of source is it? (Circle one of the answers below)

Written ✓ Oral Pictorial Material

e) Pick out one key point from the source about what happened during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

That Russia were making nuclear weapons for Cuba. ✓

f) Try to add one piece of your own knowledge about what happened during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

America would eventually make a blockade. John F. Kennedy got peer pressured. ✓

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