

## Cold War for Edexcel

Key Question	Content from specification	Activities	End task
What were the key features of the Cold War?	<i>The ideological differences between the superpowers</i>	Use video clips to work out main features of CW	N/A
The post-war Conferences- an overview	<i>The Grand Alliance. The outcomes of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences.</i>	Create a timeline Critique the textbook	Annotated timeline of the Cold War
How would you have coped at the Yalta Conference?	<i>The Grand Alliance. The outcomes of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences.</i>	Role play with students making decisions on the future of Europe.	Whole class discussion/debate
Why was it so difficult to reach agreement at the Potsdam Conference?	<i>The ideological differences between the superpowers and the attitudes of Stalin, Truman and Churchill.</i>	Newsroom simulation	Produce news bulletin to accompany footage from the conference.
What was the biggest threat to peace 1945-47?	<i>The impact on US-Soviet relations of the development of the atomic bomb, the Long and Novikov telegrams and the creation of Soviet satellite states in Eastern Europe.</i>	Living graph	Zone of relevance/essay questions

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	<i>The impact on US-Soviet relations of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, 1947. The significance of Cominform (1947), Comecon (1949) and the formation of NATO (1949).</i>		
Who was to blame for the Berlin Blockade crisis/Airlift?	<i>Berlin: its division into zones. The Berlin Crisis (blockade and airlift) and its impact. The formation of the Federal Republic of Germany and German Democratic Republic.</i>	Threat assessment chart Video clips Cartoon annotation	Annotated cartoon?
What caused the Hungarian uprising?	<i>Formation of the Warsaw Pact. Events in 1956 leading to the Hungarian Uprising, and Khrushchev's response.</i>	Clock face to decide which cause took precedence.	Explanatory summary
What were the consequences of the Hungarian uprising?	<i>The international reaction to the Soviet invasion of Hungary.</i>	Ripple diagram	Annotated ripple diagram to show and explain consequences
Why was the Berlin Wall built?	<i>The refugee problem in Berlin, Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum (1958), and the summit meetings of 1959–61. The construction of the Berlin</i>	Using sources to construct answer.	Short video voice over explaining reasons for the wall.

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	<i>Wall, 1961.</i>		
What were the consequences of the Berlin Wall?	<i>Impact of the construction of the Berlin Wall on US-Soviet relations. Kennedy's visit to Berlin in 1963. The significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall.</i>	How would you tell the story of the Berlin Wall in a one hour documentary? Students decide on % of time to devote to different aspects.	Pie chart with annotations.  1 minute trailer script for film.
What was the Bay of Pigs?	<i>Soviet relations with Cuba, the Cuban Revolution and the refusal of the USA to recognise Castro's government. The significance of the Bay of Pigs incident.</i>	Write voice over for cartoon to be displayed on-line by the JFL library in Boston	Cartoon voice over (annotated cartoon)
Would you have survived the Cuban Missile Crisis?	<i>The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis.</i>	Decision making game based around the events of October 1962	Whole class debate on the best course of action for Kennedy
Why did Cuba almost lead to nuclear war?	<i>The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis.</i>	Creating Museum display on the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Whole class makes giant timeline with illustrations then debates who did most to antagonise the situation.	Write a narrative account of the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis
Was Cuba the closest the World came to nuclear war?	<i>The significance of the arms race. The consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis: the 'hotline', the</i>	Song annotation Living graph	Short summary: Write email to website evaluating

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	<i>Limited Test Ban Treaty 1963; the Outer Space Treaty 1967; and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968.</i>		their interpretation of the missile crisis.
Was the Prague Spring just another Hungary?	<i>The Brezhnev Doctrine and the re-establishment of Soviet control in Czechoslovakia. Opposition in Czechoslovakia to Soviet control: the Prague Spring.</i>	Comparison against the events in Hungary. Similarities and differences cross referencing evidence	Completed similarities and differences table
What were the consequences of the Prague Spring?	<i>Opposition in Czechoslovakia to Soviet control: the Prague Spring. International reaction to Soviet measures in Czechoslovakia.</i>	Ripple diagram	Annotated ripple diagram to show and explain consequences
How real was the detente of the 1970s?	<i>Détente in the 1970s, SALT 1, Helsinki, and SALT 2.</i>	Living graph	Explained narrative exam practise
Why was there a second Cold War?	<i>Reagan and the 'Second Cold War', the Strategic Defence Initiative.</i>	Threat assessment graph. Worksheet for writing an explained narrative.	Explained narrative answer
Did Gorbachev kill the Soviet Union?	<i>The significance of Gorbachev's 'new thinking' and the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty 1987. The impact of Gorbachev's 'new thinking' on Eastern Europe: the</i>	Sort evidence onto a Venn diagram.	Explanatory answer to the question based on the evidence.

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	<i>loosening of Soviet grip on Eastern Europe. The collapse of the Soviet Union.</i>		
Why did the Soviet Union invade Afghanistan?	<i>The significance of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Carter Doctrine and the Olympic boycotts.</i>	Matching activity Links diagram	Links diagram and short summaries for US and Soviet audiences
What were the consequences of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?	<i>The significance of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Carter Doctrine and the Olympic boycotts.</i>	Ripple diagram showing implications for Afghanistan, US/Soviet relations and the World.	Explained narrative of consequences of the invasion.