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**Edexcel – Period Study: Super Power Relations and the Cold War
1941-91**

Key Question	Content from specification	Activities	End task
<u>What and where was the Cold War?</u>		Overview	N/A
<u>How much can a song reveal to us about who won WW2?</u>	<i>None but it is very good context.</i>		
<u>Was a 1980 hit song right about the bombing by the Enola Gaye?</u>	<i>The impact on US-Soviet relations of the development of the atomic bomb.</i>	Analysing song lyrics and comparing them to events and leaders views	Write a review for OMD song for a newspaper / music magazine
<u>Why couldn't the USA and USSR be friends</u>	<i>The ideological differences between the superpowers</i>	Mind map, Venn Diagram	
<u>Why did the Grand Alliance begin to fall apart in 1945?</u>	<i>The ideological differences between the superpowers The Grand Alliance. The outcomes of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences and the attitudes of Stalin, Truman and Churchill.</i>	Role play with students making decisions on the future of Europe.	Whole class discussion/debate
<u>Who did the most to develop the Cold War 1945-47?</u>	<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> <i>The impact on US-Soviet relations of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, 1947.</i> <i>The significance of Cominform (1947), Comecon (1949)</i>	Table	Links diagram Consequences question
<u>How much can we trust internet sites to tell us the truth about the Berlin blockade?</u>	<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 and the formation of NATO (1949).</i>	Cross referencing information from a history site with textbook accounts.	Write an explained narrative account of the Berlin Blockade crisis. Include in your narrative Stalin's fears, the impact of the blockade and the response of the western allies.

<u>What caused the Hungarian uprising?</u>	<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.	Clock face annotation
<u>What were the consequences of the Hungarian uprising?</u>	<i>The international reaction to the Soviet invasion of Hungary.</i>	Ripple diagram	Annotated ripple diagram to show and exam question: Explain the importance of the events in Hungary in 1956 for the development of the Cold War?
<u>Why was the Berlin Wall built?</u>	<i>The refugee problem in Berlin, Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum (1958), and the summit meetings of 1959–61. The construction of the Berlin Wall, 1961.</i>	Using sources to construct answer.	Short video voice over explaining reasons for the wall.
<u>What were the consequences of the Berlin Wall?</u>	<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.
<u>What went wrong at the Bay of Pigs?</u>	<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)
<u>Would you have survived the Cuban Missile Crisis?</u>	<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
<u>What really prevented war during the Cuban Missile Crisis?</u>	<i>The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis.</i>		Explain 2 consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis 8 marks
<u>Was Cuba the closest the World came to nuclear war?</u>	<i>The significance of the arms race. The consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis: the 'hotline', the Limited Test Ban Treaty 1963; the Outer Space Treaty 1967; and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968.</i>	Song annotation Living graph	Short summary: Write email to website evaluating their interpretation of the missile crisis.
<u>Was the Prague Spring just another Hungary?</u>	<i>The Brezhnev Doctrine and the re-establishment of Soviet control in</i>	Comparison against the events in Hungary.	Completed similarities and differences table

	<i>Czechoslovakia. Opposition in Czechoslovakia to Soviet control: the Prague Spring.</i>	Similarities and differences cross referencing evidence	
<u>What were the consequences of the Prague Spring?</u>	<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 2 consequences of the Prague Spring
<u>How real was the detente of the 1970s?</u>	<i>Détente in the 1970s, SALT 1, Helsinki, and SALT 2.</i>	Living graph	Explained narrative exam practise
<u>Who was to blame for the second Cold War?</u>	<i>Reagan and the 'Second Cold War', the Strategic Defence Initiative.</i>	Threat assessment graph. Worksheet for writing an explained narrative.	Explained narrative answer
<u>Why were the people of Berlin able to dismantle the wall in 1989?</u>	<i>The significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall.</i>	Mystery approach to answering the big question.	
<u>Did Gorbachev kill the Soviet Union?</u>	<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 loosening of Soviet grip on Eastern Europe. The collapse of the Soviet Union.</i>	Sort evidence onto a Venn diagram and decide which historian is correct.	Explanatory answer to the question based on the evidence.
<u>Why did the Soviet Union invade Afghanistan?</u>	<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
<u>What were the consequences of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?</u>	<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.	Choice of activity.