**Cold War Guide**

**1945-1980**

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| **Event/Policy** | **Brief Description** | **Effect/Impact/Significance within the Cold War** |
| **Early Cold War 1945-1952** |
| **1945** |
| Yalta & Potsdam Conferences  |  |  |
| Dropping of the 1st Atomic Bomb  |  |  |
| Split up of Germany  |  |  |
| Eastern & Western Europe  |  |  |
| **1946-1947** |
| Iron Curtain Speech  |  |  |
| Fall of China |  |  |
| Marshall Plan  |  |  |
| **1948-1952** |
| Berlin Crisis |  |  |
| NATO |  |  |
| USSR test first atomic bomb |  |  |
| Korean War  |  |  |
| Red Scare  |  |  |
| **Middle Cold War 1953-1974** |
| **1950-1961** |
| Stabilization of Cold War  |  |  |
| Suez Crisis |  |  |
| Hungarian Revolt |  |  |
| Hydrogen Bomb & nuclear buildup |  |  |
| Sputnik  |  |  |
| **1961-1974** |
| Repeated Crisis & competition around the world between US & USSR |  |  |
| Bay of Pigs |  |  |
| Cuban Missile Crisis |  |  |
| Six-Day War  |  |  |
| Berlin Wall Crisis |  |  |
| Space Race  |  |  |
| Vietnam  |  |  |
| **Beginning of the End of the Cold War 1970 – 1980** |
| **1973-1980** |
| Détente with Soviet Union  |  |  |
| Détente with China |  |  |
| SALT I |  |  |
| SALT II |  |  |
| Invasion of Afghanistan  |  |  |