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**The Cold War Worksheet Part One**

**Directions:** As you read about The Cold War today and the next 1-2 weeks- in order to best prepare for the Unit 6 Test- you can use this "Cold War Worksheet" as you read. As you read the assigned pages in class and for homework you should continue to add notes to this worksheet.

**How to Read & Take Notes about The Cold War:** As you read about The Cold War, I want you to look for evidence to support the 3 Different Theories on The Cold War. The 3 different theories we discussed in class (and can be found on my website). Here is a brief summary of the 3 Theories:

**Theory #1: Russian Menace Theory-** The 'blame' of the Cold War is on the USSR. After WWII in 1945 and through the 1950s-60s the USSR wanted to spread its version of Totalitarian Communism to take over and dominate the world. Just like the USA 'saved the world' from fascism in the 1940s and WWII, in the 1950s-60s the USA will be forced to 'save the world' from USSR communism. Unlike the USSR which is trying to dominate the world, the USA merely wants to help the world defend itself from communism. So in the 1950s-70s the USA is only trying to spread democracy to help other countries control themselves.

**Theory #2: US Imperialism Theory**- After WWII and 1945 the USA is the only Superpower left in the world. The USSR was never a threat to the USA or the world. The USSR was only trying to protect itself after being invaded twice by Germany and losing millions of lives. The only threat during the Cold War is from the USA itself as it is trying to do what all Superpowers in World History do: dominate the world and control Wealth through controlling resources and markets. The USA in the 1950s-60s-70s is not trying to spread democracy. In fact, it supports very un-democratic leaders around the world for the purpose of USA Imperialism and USA world domination. In order to justify its imperialism, the USA will pretend the USSR and communism is a threat, but this is not actually true.

**Theory #3: Intra-state 'Orwell' Theory**-I nicknamed this theory after George Orwell whose main concern is that all governments in the world are becoming equally fascist from 1940-60. For Orwell, there is no real difference between the USA and the USSR in the 1950-70s. Both the USA and USSR are trying to control the rest of the world because their governments are 'fascist' and need war to continue to grow and expand. In order to justify this, both the USA and USSR need each other to be the 'pretend enemy'; however, the USA and USSR will never consider fighting each other. Instead, they use each other to justify expanding their fascist, war-based economies and governments and each dominate different parts of the world.

**So- as you read about different events in The Cold War you should be making a list of evidence for each of the 3 theories. You should also be slowly forming your own THESIS about the Cold War. Which of the 3 theories do you think is most accurate and why?**

**Let's begin…**

1. **Let's begin with the end of World War II in 1945. Write some notes here about how the end of the war in 1945 (in both Europe and Asia) could be used as evidence for any of the 3 theories of the Cold War and explain how:**
2. **Read pages 808-809 in our textbook The Americans, How would you use each of the following as evidence for any of the 3 theories of the Cold War?**
3. **Stalin's actions in WWII**
4. **The USA's actions in WWII**
5. **The creation of the United Nations in 1945**
6. **Read page 810- How would you use each of the following as evidence for any of the 3 theories of the Cold War?**
7. **1945 Postdam Conference- and goals of USA and USSR at this conference**
8. **Read page 811- How would you use each of the following as evidence for any of the 3 theories of the Cold War?**
9. **Stalin's 1946 Speech and creation of satellite nations**
10. **Churchill's iron curtain speech**
11. **Kennan's Policy of containment**
12. **Read page 812- How would you use each of the following as evidence for any of the 3 theories of the Cold War?**
13. **The Truman Doctrine**
14. **USA support of Turkey and Greece in 1947-50**
15. **The Marshall Plan**
16. **Read pages 813-814- How would you use each of the following as evidence for any of the 3 theories of the Cold War?**
17. **The 1948-49 Berlin Airlift**
18. **The creation of NATO**
19. **ANALYSIS TIME. After finishing Chapter 26: Section 1 about "The Origins and Start of the Cold War" write some brief analysis here. Which of the 3 theories do you think is most accurate at this point about "Who started the Cold War" and why?**
20. **Read pages 815-817 about "China Becomes a Communist Country" Stop reading at The Korean War.**

**How could you/would you use the events of what happens in China & Taiwan in the 1940s as evidence for any of the 3 theories of The Cold War?**

1. **Read page 817 about the start of The Korean War. How could you use only the start of The Korean War 1945-June 1950 as evidence for any of the 3 Cold War theories?**
2. **Read pages 818-821 about The Korean War. How could you use anything about The Korean War as evidence for any of the 3 Cold War Theories?**
3. **Analysis Time: Based on what you read in our textbook in Chapter 26: Section 2- how could you use the events in Asia from 1945-1950 as "evidence" overall for 1 or more of the Cold War Theories?**
4. **So far we have only been using our USA History Textbook for evidence for the Cold War Theories. Write 1-2 sentence analysis here: Do you think there is any problem with only using our US History textbook as evidence for Cold War Theories? Why or why not?**
5. **Now let's look at a different source and its interpretation of The Korean War and how it relates to the Cold War Theories. Now open my website; "Week 6 A Different Interpretation of the Cold War" and read the assigned sections and answer the following questions….**
6. **From the handout on my website "Week 6 A Different Interpretation of the Cold War" just read "Part One US Imperial Ambitions in Asia". After you read this section, write a few notes and/or bulletpoints about how this information could be used as evidence for 1 or more of the 3 Cold War Theories?**
7. **From the handout on my website "Week 6 A Different Interpretation of the Cold War" just read "Part Two Social Revolution in North Korea". After you read this section, write a few notes and/or bulletpoints about how this information could be used as evidence for 1 or more of the 3 Cold War Theories?**
8. **From the handout on my website "Week 6 A Different Interpretation of the Cold War" just read "Part Three: Brutal anti-communist pacification in South Korea ". After you read this section, write a few notes and/or bulletpoints about how this information could be used as evidence for 1 or more of the 3 Cold War Theories?**
9. **From the handout on my website "Week 6 A Different Interpretation of the Cold War" just read " Part Four: Bombing ‘em back to the Stone Age:  Aerial techno-war over North Korea. After you read this section, write a few notes and/or bulletpoints about how this information could be used as evidence for 1 or more of the 3 Cold War Theories?**
10. **Analysis Time: How does this Different Interpretation Source differ from our US History textbook in its interpretation of The Korean War and what was happening during The Cold War?**
11. **Finally- why do we study history? What importance TODAY do you think it makes that most USA students and citizens learn about the Korean War from the US History book perspective, while most North Korean students and citizens learns about the Korean War from the Different Perspective? Does this information help YOU understand the current conflict with North Korea today any better or differently?**