

Cold War Figures

Identify two leaders whose actions shaped Cold War tensions.

SS5H5.c "Identify Joseph McCarthy and Nikita Khrushchev."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle Joseph McCarthy and Nikita Khrushchev each time their names appear. Write 1 beside facts about McCarthy and 2 beside facts about Khrushchev so you can tell their roles apart.

Two Cold War Leaders

- ① During the Cold War, the United States and Soviet Union competed for power. In the United States, Senator Joseph McCarthy became well known in the early 1950s. He said that communists had entered the federal government. McCarthy made public accusations and held hearings. His claims worried many Americans, although he often did not provide convincing evidence for the people he accused.
- ② Nikita Khrushchev led the Soviet Union during much of the 1950s and early 1960s. He became a top Soviet leader after Joseph Stalin's death. In 1956, Khrushchev gave a speech that criticized Stalin's harsh rule. In 1962, he approved putting Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba. The United States discovered them, and the Cuban Missile Crisis began.
- ③ After tense talks, Khrushchev agreed to remove the missiles from Cuba. President John F. Kennedy publicly promised that the United States would not invade Cuba. The United States also secretly agreed to remove its missiles from Turkey. McCarthy and Khrushchev were both Cold War figures, but McCarthy was a U.S. senator and Khrushchev led the Soviet Union.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Who was Joseph McCarthy, and in which country did he serve?

2 What did McCarthy say about the federal government?

3 Who was Nikita Khrushchev, and what country did he lead?

4 What did Khrushchev agree to do during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and what did Kennedy publicly promise?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write four sentences for a class museum label that compares Joseph McCarthy and Nikita Khrushchev. Name each man, state his country and role, describe one action by each man, and explain one difference between them.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle Joseph McCarthy and Nikita Khrushchev each time their names appear. Write 1 beside facts about McCarthy and 2 beside facts about Khrushchev so you can tell their roles apart. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who was Joseph McCarthy, and in which country did he serve?	Joseph McCarthy was a U.S. senator who served in the United States.
2	What did McCarthy say about the federal government?	He said that communists had entered the federal government.
3	Who was Nikita Khrushchev, and what country did he lead?	Nikita Khrushchev was a top leader of the Soviet Union.
4	What did Khrushchev agree to do during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and what did Kennedy publicly promise?	Khrushchev agreed to remove Soviet missiles from Cuba. Kennedy publicly promised that the United States would not invade Cuba.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Joseph McCarthy was a U.S. senator who accused government workers of being communists. Nikita Khrushchev led the Soviet Union and approved putting missiles in Cuba. McCarthy used accusations and hearings inside the United States. Khrushchev made decisions for the Soviet government during an international crisis.

Accept equivalent descriptions that correctly distinguish McCarthy as a U.S. senator and Khrushchev as a Soviet leader. For the museum label, require accurate country, role, action, and comparison.