

Cold War Choices

Trace how disagreements after World War II led to worldwide effects.

SS5H5 "Discuss the origins and consequences of the Cold War."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two ideas that helped start the Cold War, and circle three results of the Cold War. This will help you tell causes from consequences.

From Allies to Rivals

- ① After World War II ended in 1945, the United States and the Soviet Union had been allies against Germany. Soon, they disagreed about how Europe should be rebuilt. The United States supported democratic governments and free-market economies. The Soviet Union supported communist governments controlled by one party. Each nation feared that the other system would spread and threaten its security.
- ② In Germany, the disagreement became clear. The Allies divided Germany into zones after the war, and Berlin was also divided. In 1948, the Soviet Union blocked roads and rail lines into West Berlin. The United States and its allies flew food and fuel into the city during the Berlin Airlift. The blockade ended, but Germany remained divided.
- ③ The Cold War was not a direct war between the two superpowers. Instead, both built nuclear weapons, formed military alliances, and competed for influence around the world. They supported opposite sides in conflicts such as the Korean War. People lived with fear of nuclear war, while families in divided places, including Germany, faced limits on travel and contact.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What disagreement between the United States and the Soviet Union helped cause the Cold War?

2 Why did the United States and the Soviet Union fear each other after World War II?

3 What did the Soviet Union do in West Berlin in 1948, and how did the United States and its allies respond?

4 Name two consequences of the Cold War described in the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write four sentences that explain a cause-and-effect chain from the passage. Begin with one origin of the Cold War, name one action either side took, and explain two consequences.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two ideas that helped start the Cold War, and circle three results of the Cold War. This will help you tell causes from consequences. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What disagreement between the United States and the Soviet Union helped cause the Cold War?	The United States supported democratic governments and free-market economies, while the Soviet Union supported communist one-party governments.
2	Why did the United States and the Soviet Union fear each other after World War II?	Each nation feared that the other nation's system would spread and threaten its security.
3	What did the Soviet Union do in West Berlin in 1948, and how did the United States and its allies respond?	The Soviet Union blocked roads and rail lines into West Berlin. The United States and its allies flew food and fuel into the city during the Berlin Airlift.
4	Name two consequences of the Cold War described in the passage.	Answers may include the building of nuclear weapons, military alliances, support for opposite sides in conflicts, fear of nuclear war, Germany remaining divided, or limits on travel and contact for families in divided places.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After World War II, the United States and Soviet Union disagreed about governments and economies. Their distrust led the Soviet Union to block routes into West Berlin in 1948. The United States and its allies responded by flying food and fuel into the city. The blockade ended, but Germany remained divided, and families faced limits on travel and contact.

Accept equivalent wording that correctly distinguishes origins from consequences. For the open response, look for one accurate origin, one accurate action, and two consequences connected in a logical sequence.