Europe Divided

Sort the choices that shaped Cold War Europe.

MWH.C.7 "Evaluate post-World War II regional events leading to the transformations of the modern world. Evaluate the effects of World War II including the origins and escalation of the Cold War. Explain the major consequences of World War II..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

WESTERN BLOC

During the Cold War, the United States led this group of countries. They generally supported multiparty elections and private businesses.

During the Berlin Airlift, British and American aircraft brought food to people cut off by a blockade.

EASTERN BLOC

The Soviet Union led this group of countries. Their governments usually had one-party communist rule and directed much of the economy.

In 1956, Moscow sent tanks to suppress protests in Budapest, Hungary.

1 SORT

8 items

For each numbered statement, circle WEST or EAST, then choose two statements and explain in Part 2 what clue helped you sort each one.

1.	The United States funded Western Europe's recovery through the Marshall Plan.	WEST EAST
2.	West Germany adopted a constitution that protected competitive elections.	WEST EAST
3.	The USSR set production targets for factories it owned.	WEST EAST
4.	NATO members pledged to defend one another if attacked.	WEST EAST
5.	The Warsaw Pact joined Soviet-aligned countries in a military alliance.	WEST EAST
6.	Comecon coordinated trade among Soviet-led countries.	WEST EAST
7.	Private companies competed for customers in postwar France.	WEST EAST
8.	Opposition parties challenged Britain's governing party in national elections.	WEST EAST

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new historical example of the Western bloc and one of the Eastern bloc that are not in Part 1.

WEST _____

EAST _____

CHALLENGE

In two sentences, compare how one military alliance from each bloc reinforced the division of Europe.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The United States funded Western Europe's recovery through the Marshall Plan.	**WEST**	The Marshall Plan was a U.S. aid program that helped rebuild participating Western European countries.
2	West Germany adopted a constitution that protected competitive elections.	**WEST**	West Germany belonged to the Western bloc and held multiparty elections.
3	The USSR set production targets for factories it owned.	**EAST**	State ownership and central planning characterized the Soviet-led bloc.
4	NATO members pledged to defend one another if attacked.	**WEST**	NATO was the Western military alliance.
5	The Warsaw Pact joined Soviet-aligned countries in a military alliance.	**EAST**	The Warsaw Pact was the Soviet-led military alliance.
6	Comecon coordinated trade among Soviet-led countries.	**EAST**	Comecon organized economic cooperation within the Soviet-led bloc.
7	Private companies competed for customers in postwar France.	**WEST**	France was in the Western bloc, where private businesses operated.
8	Opposition parties challenged Britain's governing party in national elections.	**WEST**	Britain was in the Western bloc and held multiparty elections.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **WEST**: In 1961, voters in Norway chose representatives in a multiparty parliamentary election.
- **EAST**: In 1961, East German authorities built the Berlin Wall.

Challenge: NATO linked Western countries through a pledge of mutual defense. The Warsaw Pact tied Soviet-led countries together militarily, reinforcing Europe's division into rival camps.

For Part 2, accept two numbered items with accurate clues. For example, item 1 names U.S. aid to Western Europe, while item 5 names the Soviet-led military alliance.