**An Overview of the Cold War**

* **After World War II, the Cold War began and caused tension throughout the world.**
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were the two world Superpowers.
  + The USA was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ society with a democracy.
  + The USSR was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ country with a dictatorship.
  + Both wanted to be the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nation in the world.
* **Nuclear Tensions**
  + The USA had shown its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power when it exploded the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II.
  + The USSR was also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ atomic weapons/bombs.
  + The USA and the USSR were in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with each other to have the best, most powerful weapons in the world – this was called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* **After World War II, the world changed!**
  + Many countries became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after World War II:
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1945)
    - Poland (1947)
    - Hungary (1947)
    - Czechoslovakia (1948)
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1949)
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1959)
* **Germany - Divided**
  + Germany, which had been ruled by the Hitler and the Nazis until their defeat in 1945, was split in two.
  + The western side became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Germany, and the eastern side became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Germany.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Germany became another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ country.
* **The Domino Effect**
  + The USSR had much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over many of the new communist countries, especially those in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + The USA was very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the USSR’s influence over these countries was making the USSR and communism more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + The USA did not want communism to spread any further; they were worried about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (one country becomes communist, then another, then another, etc.).
* **Cold War?**
  + The tension and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the USA and the USSR was described as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1945-1990).
  + There was never a real war between the two sides between 1945 and 1990, but they were often very close to war (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Both sides got involved in other conflicts in the world to either stop the spread of communism (USA) or help the spread (USSR).
* **Hotspots**
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War (1950-1953)
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1961)
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Missile Crisis (1962)
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War (c.1963-1975)