

US History
The Cold War – B
Exam Review

1. Describe US economic interests in Cuba.
2. What man overthrew the Cuban government? What happened to American businesses in Cuba?
3. Under what president was the Bay of Pigs invasion planned? Carried out?
4. What federal agency was responsible for planning the invasion and training the soldiers?
5. Whom did they train to carry out the invasion?
6. What was the result of the Bay of Pigs Invasion?
7. What action did Khrushchev take to begin the Berlin Crisis?
8. What opinion did Khrushchev have of JFK?
9. How did Kennedy respond to Khrushchev's ultimatum?
10. What were Khrushchev's true intentions in Berlin?
11. Why was building the Berlin Wall necessary?
12. What did U-2 photos reveal in October of 1962 about Cuba?
13. What 3 options did JFK consider? Which did he choose and what did he call it?
14. Who was the leader of the USSR during this crisis?
15. What did the USSR do when their ships were confronted by the US naval quarantine?
16. How did the United States decide to negotiate with the Soviets when presented with two offers?

17. What was the final deal reached between the US and the USSR to end the crisis?
18. Define realpolitik.
19. Why did Richard Nixon see a need to visit the Chinese?
20. Define the term détente.
21. What two agreements came from the Moscow Summit that seemed to indicate a period of détente with the Soviets?
22. What aspects of Afghanistan make it difficult to fight a war there?
23. Why did the new communist government of Afghanistan lack popularity when it was established in the 1970s?
24. What guerilla Islamic insurgency formed to overthrow the communists in Afghanistan?
25. Why did the Soviets invade Afghanistan in 1979?
26. What actions did the United States take in the Soviet/Afghan war if any?
27. What year did the Soviets finally leave Afghanistan?
28. How can the modern terrorist movement be linked to this war?
29. What did Ronald Reagan believe would eventually allow the US to win the Cold War?
30. Describe the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). What nickname did it receive from its critics?
31. Give two examples of a strained US / Soviet relationship during the Reagan's first term.
32. The emergence of what Soviet leader seemed to offer hope that the Cold War could end?
33. What national problems was this Soviet leader facing as he entered office?

34. What were his two solutions to these problems?
35. How did Gorbachev pursue détente with the United States?
36. How did President Reagan inadvertently influence the Soviet economy?
37. What difficult decision did the Soviets have to make due to their failing economy?
38. Give three examples illustrating the above decision by the Soviets.
39. What event symbolized the end of the Cold War more than any other?
40. Which man replaced Gorbachev as president of the Soviet Union right before its downfall?
41. What confederation replaced the Soviet Union?