

US History

The Cold War - B

Questions to Consider

The Bay of Pigs

1. What was US/Cuban relations like before Castro came to power in Cuba?
2. Why may have Kennedy authorized the invasion even though he didn't like the plan?

Berlin Crisis and the Wall

1. Why did the Vienna Summit leave Kennedy so upset?
2. What ultimatum did Khrushchev issue at Vienna?
3. How did Kennedy respond to this ultimatum? How did the conflict play out?

Cuban Missile Crisis

1. What were some possible causes of the crisis?
2. What options did Kennedy's advisors present to him to resolve the conflict?
3. How did Kennedy think outside the box to end this crisis?

Nixon & Détente

1. Define détente.
2. What quote illustrates how Nixon was able to use China and the USSR to get what he wanted?

Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

1. Why can this conflict be compared to Vietnam?
2. Who were the Mujahideen?
3. What role did Charlie Wilson play in this conflict?
4. How does this war relate to modern day terrorism?

Reagan & Gorbachev

1. How did Reagan's policies change from his first term to his second term when dealing with the Soviets?
2. What reforms did Gorbachev institute to try and save the Soviet Union?
3. How did these two men's friendship end the cold war?

End of the Cold War

1. How did Reagan's policies impact the fall of the Soviet Union?
2. What events foreshadowed the end of the USSR?
3. When did the Cold War end?