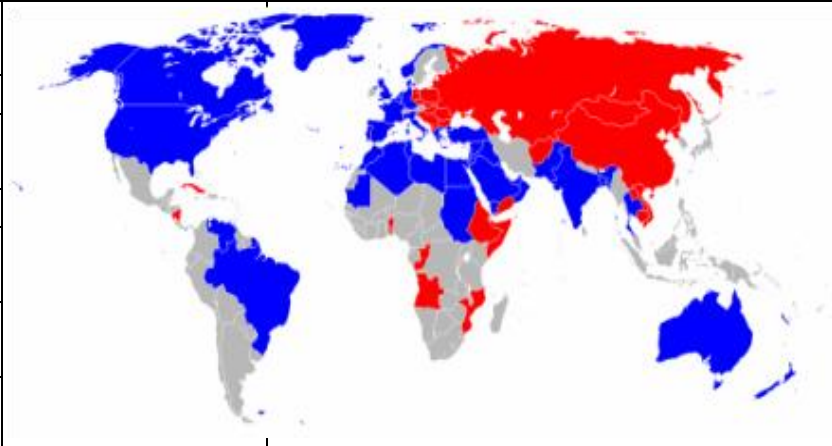


Knowledge Organiser – The Cold War

This topic investigates the reasons why historians think the Cold War began in 1946. It also considers over events such as the Korean War, the Cuban Missiles Crisis, and the Vietnam War.

Summarise your learning

Topic 1 The Cold War	The USA and USSR fought each other between 1946-1991 through a series of proxy wars and propaganda .
Topic 2 The Korean War 1950-53	The first proxy war in which the USA fought for South Korea, the USSR for North Korea. It ended in stalemate with a truce declared by both sides.
Topic 3 The Cuban Missiles Crisis Oct 1962	A 13 day crisis over the USSR's secret placing of nuclear weapons on Cuba. After Kennedy imposed a blockade upon Cuba – a peaceful deal was negotiated between Kennedy and Khrushchev – with both sides removing their nuclear weapons from Turkey and Cuba respectively.
Topic 4 The Vietnam War	The USA entered the war in 1965 after the Gulf of Tonkin incident. Opposition to the use of the draft and the use of Agent Orange and Napalm lead to mass anti-war demonstration which culminated in the Washington protest of 1969 and the Kent State killings of 1970. The USA later withdrew its troops in shame unable to win the war.
Topic 5 What has caused conflict in the 20 th Century	Causes in the 20 th Century include different ideologies such as communism and fascism, as well as industrialisation, arms races, power, land and resources.

Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words.	
1945	The United Nations created	Cold War	A state of political hostility between the USA and USSR characterized by threats, propaganda, and other measures short of open warfare.
1946	Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech	Proxy War	A war in which the superpowers fight indirectly through other countries
1949	China becomes Communist	Superpower	A nation that is immensely powerful and influential
1950	North Korea launches a full scale invasion of South Korea	United Nations	An international organisation created to try to avoid war, by providing a place to discuss threats in peace.
1953	Truce called in the Korean War	Nationalise	To make something the property of the state
1959	.The Cuban Revolution	U2	A US spy plane
April 1961	The Bay of Pigs affair	Blockade	When ships belonging to an enemy block the ports of another country.
October 1962	The Cuban Missiles Crisis – the 13 days	Guerrilla	Unofficial soldier
Nov 1962	Quarantine lifted and USSR removed its nuclear missiles from Cuba	Agent Orange/Napalm	Chemical weapons used by the USA
April 1963	USA removes its nuclear missiles from Turkey		
1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident		
1965	First US combat troops arrive in Vietnam		
1968	Mai Lai massacre		
Nov 1969	Washington anti-Vietnam war demonstration		
May 1970	Kent State University killings		
1975	Vietnam became unified under communist leadership		

