

Cold War

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(Part I)

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Superpowers

**U.S. and Soviet Union
emerged from World War
II as the most powerful
nations on earth**

Reasons for Opposition:

1. Different Political

Philosophies:

Communism

vs

Democracy

2. Different Economic Philosophies:

Communism

vs.

Capitalism

Cold War

Between the U.S. and Soviet Union and started when the Soviet army stayed in Eastern Europe following the war

**Major evidence of new
foreign policy =
involvement**

**The U.S. took a leading
role in world affairs
(stopping communism
from spreading)**

N.A.T.O.

**North Atlantic Treaty
Organization's Goal:
Stop the spread of
communism in Europe**

Collective Security

N.A.T.O.'s Mutual defense:
An attack on one member nation
will be defended by ALL of them
(Including the U.S.)

U.S. Military during the Cold War

Korea

**Communist North Korea
invaded**

Democratic South Korea

United Nations takes action:

**U.N. Security Council
voted to defend against
aggressive North Korea**

**U.S. led the U.N. troops
and efforts**

General Douglas MacArthur

**Famous World War II American
general who oversaw the
occupation of Japan was in
command of U.N. forces**

Problems with MacArthur

**MacArthur seemed to forget
that the military is under the
control of the president and he
was removed from command
by Truman**

**MacArthur wanted to
drive the communists
clear back to China
and then nuke China if
they interfered.**

**Americans and U.N. forces
drove communists back, then
the Chinese attacked.**

**Eventually settled a cease-fire
line establishing a North and
South Korea again.**

DMZ between them

Cold War

Espionage

**U.S. and Soviet Union
spent a great deal of time
and money spying on each
other.**

General Eisenhower

(famous American WW II commander)

becomes President

Eisenhower

Eisenhower's

Domino Theory

If one country was allowed to fall to communism, then their neighboring countries would also fall.

This later led to U.S. involvement in Vietnam

McCarthyism

Communist fears led to an anti-communist “witch hunt” in the U.S.

Senator Joseph McCarthy accused many government officials of being communists. Violations of civil rights in trying to find them.

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