

# Cold War

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**East Germany -  
especially East  
Berlin became the  
focus of the Cold  
War**

# Berlin Airlift

**Soviet attempt to get control of  
West Berlin by cutting off supplies  
to the city**

**U.S. flew in supplies by air for  
nearly a year until the Soviets  
backed down**

# **Soviet Union vs U.S. in an arms race**

**Each side began  
spending billions on  
weapons - including  
nuclear weapons**

# **Cold War heated up in the early 60's**

**Cuba became communist**

**U.S. concerned about communists  
in our backyard.**

**U.S. backed Fidel Castro  
until he turned  
communist. Then the  
CIA worked to  
overthrow him**

# **C**entral Intelligence **A**gency

**operates OUTSIDE of the U.S.**

**U.S. spy agency - to spy and operate against foreign spies outside the U.S.**

# **F**ederal **B**ureau of **I**nvestigation

**operates mainly inside the U.S.**

**(anti-spy agency to catch foreign spies here)**

# Bay of Pigs

**U.S. backed Cuba rebels landed in  
Cuba but were massacred by  
Castro's troops  
(very embarrassing to the CIA and  
President Kennedy)**



# Cuban Missile Crisis

**Very close to a major war  
(nuclear) between the U.S. and  
Soviet Union**

**U.S. spy planes flying over Cuba  
detected Soviet missiles  
(major threat to U.S. security)**

**President Kennedy ordered warships  
to blockade Cuba**

**U.S. and Soviet ships faced off**

**Very close to war but at the last  
minute the Soviets backed down  
and removed the missiles**

**U.S. concerned about  
communism in Latin America  
spreading from Cuba**

**CIA operated in Latin America  
giving money, weapons and  
support countries fighting against  
communism**

# **Problem:**

**The U.S. would often support governments that were not democratic and had human rights abuses - but if they opposed communism we would support them**

# **Vietnam**

**Because of the Domino  
Theory we wanted to stop  
communism before it could  
spread to all of  
Southeast Asia**

**Eisenhower: sent money and weapons to help France fight the communists**

**President Kennedy sent weapons and advisors to South Vietnam to help them fight the communists**

**Johnson sent in U.S. troops to Vietnam in increasingly greater numbers**

**Nixon vowed to decrease military numbers, but bombed North Vietnam to try to get them to end the war**

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**END**

