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The Cold War - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which countries were the superpowers on the two sides of the Cold War?

- A. England and China
- ☒ B. The United States and the USSR
- C. China and the Soviet Union
- D. The United States and England

2. What is the driving goal of the United Nations?

- A. to develop a high-tech military
- ☒ C. to keep peace between countries
- B. to raise funds for itself
- D. to bring leaders to New York City

3. What type of weapons did superpowers compete for during the Cold War?

- A. missiles
- ☒ D. nuclear weapons
- B. submarines
- C. pistols

4. What was an effect of the division of Berlin?

- A. a period of German economic prosperity
- ☒ B. Soviet censorship of democratic ideas
- C. communist support in West Berlin
- D. a resurgence of the Nazi Party

5. Which group was targeted in the United States during the "Red Scare"?

- A. Democrats
- ☒ C. communists
- B. Republicans
- D. Native Americans

6. What event was the direct cause of the Cuban missile crisis?

- ☒ A. the invasion of the Bay of Pigs
- C. Nikita Khrushchev's shoe-banging speech
- B. the nuclear bombing of Cuba
- D. Fidel Castro's revolution in Cuba

7. Which president set the goal of sending Americans to the moon?

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ☒ C. John F. Kennedy
- D. Lyndon B. Johnson

8. What did NOT occur during the Cold War?

- A. Vietnam War
- B. Korean War
- C. The Red Scare
- ☒ D. World War II

9. What was the aim of the Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika?

- A. to move the Soviet Union closer to communism
- ☒ B. to move the Soviet Union closer to capitalism
- C. to move the Soviet Union closer to socialism
- D. to move the Soviet Union closer to republicanism

10. What event is generally considered the mark of the end of the Cold War?

- ☒ A. fall of the Berlin Wall
- B. moon landing
- C. Cuban missile crisis
- D. Vietnam War