# The Cold War - Vocab Cards

#### Cold War ]>

the period of political, ideological and economic rivalry that occurred after World War II between the former USSR and its communist allies and the United States and its democratic allies.

After World War II, the Soviet Union, China and their allies were involved in a political and ideological power struggle with the U.S. and its allies known as the Cold War .



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

### communism ]>

an economic and political system in which the government owns and controls all goods and means of production, and private property is eliminated.

Pedro argued that \_communism\_ could be good. He said if the government owned factories, farms and other means of production, the economy would be regulated and people would have steady jobs.

communism

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### Eastern Bloc ]>

the group of communist states of Central and Eastern Europe, generally the Soviet Union and the countries of the Warsaw Pact.

The Soviet Union and its satellite states, including the countries of the Warsaw Pact were known as the \_Eastern Bloc\_.



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### Fidel Castro ]>

Cuban revolutionary and politician who governed Cuba as first prime minister and then president from 1959-2008.

Cuban revolutionary \_Fidel Castro\_ helped bring communism to Cuba in the 1950s before serving as its president until 2008.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

# free world ]>

# noncommunist countries, as opposed to those controlled by the USSR.



Sasha's grandparents immigrated to America from Russia because they wanted to live in a capitalist, democratic country in the \_free world\_.

Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

## Joseph McCarthy ]>

a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin who made claims that there were Soviet and Communist spies in the US federal government in 1950. He served in the Senate from 1947 until his death in 1957.

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Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

### Mikhail Gorbachev ]>

leader of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991 and president from 1990-1991. He democratized the country's political system and decentralized its economy, leading to the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the end of the Cold War.

Foreign policy and domestic reforms enacted by \_Mikhail Gorbachev\_, the leader of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991, led to the end of the Cold War and Communist U.S.S.R.



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### Nikita Khrushchev ]>

Soviet leader during the height of the Cold War and premier from 1958 to 1964. He initiated a "de-Stalinization" process and approved the construction of the Berlin Wall.

Soviet statesman \_Nikita Khrushchev\_ was the premier of the U.S.S.R. from 1958 to 1964. He denounced the actions of his predecessor, Joseph Stalin.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

### Satellite State ]>

a country that is officially independent, but in reality under heavy political, economic and military influence or control from another country.

During the Cold War, Poland was a \_Satellite State\_ under the economic influence and control of the Soviets.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

### Soviet Union ]>

a socialist federation of countries with a government centered in Russia that existed from 1922-1991. It was made up of 15 countries in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia. Also called the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Moscow was the capital of the former \_Soviet Union\_, which was comprised of fifteen republics in eastern Europe and northern Asia.



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