



The Cold War

Following World War II, much of Europe was in ruins as the United States and Soviet Union emerged as major players on the world stage. With global power up for grabs, the Cold War was a battle for political, social, and economic influence between the US and USSR. Ultimately, the US came out on top, guiding Western Europe to a capitalist future and establishing itself as the world's primary superpower. Given this context, answer the following prompts in 6-8 sentences. **In what ways did the outcome of the Cold War shape our world today? Have any other countries challenged the US for global influence since the end of the Cold War? What has the United States done to maintain, increase, or diminish its global influence?**

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