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The Cold War - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The Cold War was a competition for influence between which two countries?

- ☒ A. The United States and Soviet Union
- B. China and the United Kingdom
- C. The Soviet Union and Germany
- D. China and the United States

2. Following World War II, the US envisioned a { } Western Europe.

- A. communist
- ☒ C. capitalist
- B. socialist
- D. feudalism

3. Which of these terms best describes the United States's policy when it came to communism?

- A. Accommodation
- B. Coexistence
- C. Codependence
- ☒ D. Containment

4. Which of these is NOT a step the US took to stem the spread of communism?

- A. The formation of NATO
- ☒ B. The Seneca Falls Convention
- C. The Marshall Plan
- D. The Truman Doctrine

5. Which city was divided in two by a wall during the Cold War?

- A. Moscow
- B. Hamburg
- C. Warsaw
- ☒ D. Berlin

6. During the Cold War, the US and USSR each had a nuclear arsenal that could destroy life on Earth—something that prevented direct conflict. This concept is called { }.

- A. NATO
- B. nuclear stalemate
- ☒ C. mutually assured destruction
- D. elastic defense

7. What was the panic over the belief Soviet spies were embedded in the United States called?

- ☒ A. The Red Scare
- B. The Red Panic
- C. The Red Inquisition
- D. The Red Trials

8. In which of these countries were proxy wars fought during the Cold War?

- A. Korea
- B. Vietnam
- C. Afghanistan
- ☒ D. All of the above

9. When { } was elected, he instituted more open political and economic policies in the USSR.

- A. Joseph Stalin
- B. Harry S. Truman
- ☒ C. Mikhail Gorbachev
- D. John F. Kennedy

10. Which of these events signaled the end of the Cold War?

- A. The Cuban Missile Crisis
- ☒ B. The fall of the Berlin Wall
- C. John F. Kennedy's assassination
- D. The 1992 Summer Olympics