GCSE History Paper 2: Superpower Relations

KT1: Origins of the Cold War

	Ке	Question types				
What was the Cold War?		Cominform	Organisation encouraging cooperation between communist countries			
Capitalism	See table	Blockade	Preventing access to a location or region	'Explain two consequences' [8] Tips on p19 Two PEE paragraphs explaining two things that		
Communism	See table	Bizonia	The merging of the German regions controlled by the US and Britain	happened as a result of an event, with a clear link to the event demonstrated.		
USSR	A group of countries led by Russia, AKA the Soviet Union	Airlift	Bringing needed goods into a region by air	Useful phrases: "One consequence of was"		
The Conferences		NATO	Military alliance of America and its allies	"This was a consequence because"		
Grand Alliance	Wartime alliance between USA, Britain and USSR	Warsaw Pact	Military alliance of the USSR and its allies	'Write a narrative account' [8] Tips on p30 Tell the story of the event in three separate sections,		
Sphere of Influence	The region over which a country has influence/control	The Arms Race				
Demilitarisation	The removal of army and other military from a region	Arms race	Competitive military spending between countries	in chronological order, linked, and with specific detail. Useful phrases: "As a result of this"		
Soviet Expansion	Soviet Expansion		Missiles than can be fired huge distances – across continents	"This meant that"		
Satellite states	Countries controlled by a larger, more powerful nation	H-Bomb	Hydrogen bomb – a very powerful and destructive weapon	"This led to"		
Containment	The US plan to prevent the spread of Communism	B-52	The type of bomber aircraft used by the USA	(Evaluation the importance of $\frac{1}{2}[0] \times 2$. The on pE2		
Iron Curtain	The name given to the 'border' of Western/Eastern Europe	Sputnik	A Soviet satellite, the first man made satellite in space	'Explain the importance of' [8] x 2 Tips on p53 2 PEE paragraphs about how a specific event had		
US Actions – The Truma	an Doctrine and Marshall Plan	Hungarian Uprising		broader significance. Events can be significant if they influenced lots of people, or led to change, for		
Doctrine	A key message that you are committed to enforcing	Destalinisation	Khrushchev's policy of moving away from Stalin's methods	example.		
Soviet Actions – The Berlin Blockade		Secret Police	Organisations that enforce the law but are not accountable or public	Useful phrases: "This was important to because" " was important because in		
Comecon	Organisation to increase Soviet economic control in Europe	Guerrilla	A type of fighting that relies on ambushes or unconventional warfare	led to"		
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Timeline of the arms race 1945-1962		Sample exam questions	
1945	The USA tests its first atomic bomb. It is used twice, against Japan. Joseph Stalin demands the USSR develop its own nuclear capability, and triples the pay of scientists working on the project.	'Explain two consequences of the Potsdam Conference of July 1945.' [8]	
1949	The USSR carries out its first successful nuclear test. In the US, Truman massively increases defence spending and work commences on a new, more powerful 'hydrogen bomb' (H-bomb)	'Explain two consequences of Soviet expansion in Eastern Europe, 1945-47.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Truman Doctrine'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Marshall Plan'. [8]	
1953	The US and USSR both conduct their first successful H-Bomb tests. Both sides are now in possession of powerful nuclear weapons.	'Explain two consequences of the Berlin Crisis of 1948-9.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Warsaw Pact'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Hungarian uprising'. [8]	
1954	The US explodes its largest ever H-Bomb – the equivalent of 15 million tons of TNT, and capable of wiping out Moscow, the Soviet capital. The USSR had similar capability to wipe out American cities.	'Write a narrative account of the conferences of 1943-45'. [8] 'Write a narrative account of Soviet expansion in Eastern Europe, 1945-47'. [8]	
1957	The Soviet Union launches the first satellite into space. The US fears that this could eventually lead to a military threat, and diverts resources to its own space program.	'Write a narrative account of Soviet expansion in Eastern Europe, 1945-47 . [8] 'Write a narrative account of the Berlin Crisis, 1948-49.' [8] 'Write a narrative account of the Hungarian uprising of 1956.' [8]	
1962	The Cuban Missile Crisis – the US discovers Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba, 90 miles off the coast of Florida. The USA has 63 inter-continental missiles, 21 nuclear submarines, 24 aircraft carriers and 96 missiles capable of being launched from submarines. The USSR had more than 50 inter-continental missiles, and no aircraft carriers, no sub-launched missiles and only 2 nuclear submarines. The USA had started to pull ahead in the arms race, but both sides possessed enough nuclear weapons to wipe the other side out many times over.	'Explain the importance of the Potsdam Conference for the development of the Cold War in the years 1945-49.' [8] 'Explain the importance of Soviet expansion for the decline in relations between the USA and USSR in the years 1945-47.' [8] 'Explain the importance of the Truman Doctrine for increasing tension between the USA and USSR in the years 1947-49.' [8] 'Explain the importance of the arms race for the development of the Cold War'. [8]	

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The Three Conferences 1943-45			EASTERN BLOC AREA BORDER CHANGES 1938 TO 1948 RSF55	1943 Tehran Conference
The Tehran Conference, November 1943	The Yalta Conference, February 1945	The Potsdam Conference, July 1945	USSR 1938	Roosevelt 1944 1933-1945 1945 Yalta Conference / Potsdam Conference / A-Bomb 1046 1045
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join the US in declaring war on Japan after Germany's defeat. The United Nations would be set up after the war to	USSR, Britain and France. To give liberated countries formerly occupied by the Nazis full freedom to choose their own	Agreements: Established borders of the zones of Germany and Berlin	PEOPLE'S REP. OF ALBANIA	1961-1963 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis
resolve disputes and guarantee international	governments without pressure or interference.	Germany demilitarised Democracy, freedom of	Capitalism	Communism
security. An area of Poland would become part of the USSR.	That each of the three powers would join the new United Nations That Eastern Europe was in	speech and a free press would be established in Germany Most of Germany's	Politics: Favours democracy – people choose their leaders from several different parties.	Politics: Only one party allowed, the Communist Party, which represents the people. There are no elections and you cannot change your government.
	the Soviet 'sphere of influence' and this would be respected by the US and Britain.	would USSR as they had suffered	Economy: Businesses are privately owned, and there are opportunities to become very wealthy for some people. If you work hard and are good at your job, you will be promoted and earn more money – this gives people an incentive to work.	Businesses are all owned publicly – by the government. All profits and products are shared amongst the people. Nobody becomes hugely wealthy, but nobody is much poorer than anyone else.
	Disagreements:Disagreements:How much in reparationsStalin wanted to disableGermany should pay (Stalin wanted more)Germany with huge reparations but Truman saw a strong Germany as a useful ally against the threat of the USSR small as possible)	Beliefs: Freedom is good and is necessary for a successful society. Some people will be wealthier than others but mostly this should reflect their ability, ingenuity and hard work. It would be unfair for everyone to be equal if some work harder than others. Capitalism should be the system used by the rest of the world because it encourages prosperity and development.	Beliefs: Freedoms such as a free media and freedom to hold different political views is harmful to the unity and success of the country. Everyone should be equal, and it is the government's job to ensure that this happens, as capitalism will exploit the poor and the workers to benefit the elite. Communism should be the system used by the rest of the world, and the USSR should encourage revolutions in other countries to ensure this happens.	
	What kind of government Poland should have (Stalin wanted a 'friendly' Polish government to act as a buffer against Germany).	elections across Eastern Europe but Stalin argued that as this was the Soviet sphere of influence this shouldn't happen.	Problems: Capitalism leads to inequality – some people become very rich, but others become very poor. Power is concentrated in the hands of a minority of rich and powerful individuals, whilst the poor are vulnerable to being exploited.	Problems: Communism leads to a lack of productivity – why work hard with no opportunity for financial reward? It also stifles creativity – people are less likely to have the freedom and incentive to develop ideas if they won't personally benefit from them. Lack of democracy leads to the suppression of other basic rights.

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	Ke	Question types			
	The Berlin Crisis, 1961	Hawks and Doves	People who favoured aggressive or diplomatic US response	'Explain two consequences' [8] Tips on p19	
Defection	Leaving one country to go to its enemy	Brinkmanship	Going right to the edge to get what you want	Two PEE paragraphs explaining two things that happened as a result of an event, with a clear link to	
Refugee	A person fleeing crisis in their home country	Consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis		the event demonstrated.	
Ultimatum	A final choice with two serious options	Hotline	A telephone connection to allow instant communication	Useful phrases: "One consequence of was" "This was a consequence because…"	
т	he Construction of the Berlin Wall	Treaty	An agreement between countries	'Write a narrative account' [8] Tips on p30	
Checkpoint	A guarded border post on the Berlin Wall	Detente	The thaw in relations that led to progress between US/USSR	Tell the story of the event in three separate sections, in chronological order, linked, and with specific detail.	
	The Cuban Revolution	The Prague Spring		Useful phrases: "As a result of this"	
Dictator	A leader with total power over the country	Reforms	Changes to the way the country is run	"This meant that" "This led to" 'Explain the importance of' [8] x 2 Tips on p53	
Diplomat	A representative from one country in another	Censorship	Limiting the information that people have access to		
Exile	A person forced to leave a country to live in another	The Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia		2 PEE paragraphs about how a specific event had	
CIA	The Central Intelligence Agency – US spy network	Resistance	Refusal to cooperate	broader significance. Events can be significant if they influenced lots of people, or led to change, for	
Bay of Pigs	A bay in Cuba that was the focus of a failed invasion	Propaganda	Materials which are designed to push a particular message	example. Useful phrases: "This was important to because"	
	The Cuban Missile Crisis	Brezhnev Doctrine	USSR plan to invade countries which threatened E. Europe	" was important because it led to"	
U-2	US spy plane which captured images of the missiles	Vietnam War	A disastrous conflict the US was involved in in the 1960s/70s		

Two crises in Berlin – not the same thing!

The Berlin crisis of 1948 was caused by Stalin, who was resentful of the US and Britain having free access through East Germany to get to their sectors of Berlin. He thought they were spying on the Communist country and were spreading procapitalist messages. He closed off all the roads and railways, and attempted to force the US and Britain to give up their claim to West Berlin. Instead, the US organised airlifts of food and fuel to defeat the blockade and save the people of West Berlin. Stalin eventually had to back down. This crisis was significant in the wider Cold War because it showed that the USA was prepared to back up its words in the Truman Doctrine with actions. It was also significant because it led to the creation of NATO.

Berlin Crisis of 1948

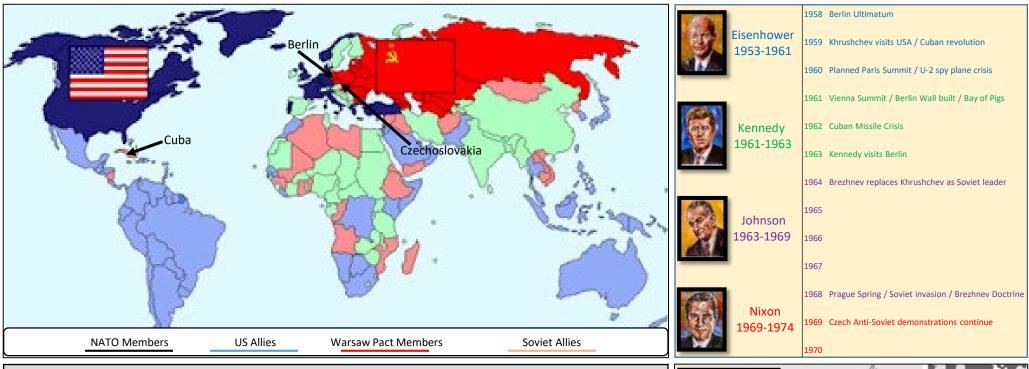
The Berlin Crisis of 1961 was caused by Khrushchev, who was resentful of highly qualified professionals leaving East Berlin and East Germany. There was no border between the East and West zones, meaning that people frequently travelled to the West and then on to capitalist countries that they otherwise were not allowed to go to. Highly qualified people knew they could earn lots more money in the capitalist West, so the 'brain drain' was a big concern for Khrushchev. He attempted to force the US to prevent this migration, but the US refused, so Khrushchev authorised the East Germans to build a wall around the entirety of West Berlin. This meant no East Germans could enter or they would be shot. Migration stopped, but the city was cut in two. The wall stood for 28 years.

Berlin Crisis of 1961

Sample exam questions 'Explain two consequences of the refugee problem in Berlin between 1949 and 1961.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Vienna Summit of 1961.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Cuban Revolution of 1959'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Prague Spring reforms in 1968'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968'. [8] 'Write a narrative account of the Berlin Crisis 1958-1961'. [8] "Write a narrative account of Cuban-US tension between 1959 and 1961'. [8] 'Write a narrative account of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.' [8] 'Write a narrative account of the Prague Spring reforms of 1968.' [8] 'Write a narrative account of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.' [8] 'Explain the importance of Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum for the Berlin crisis of 1961.' [8] 'Explain the importance of the construction of the Berlin Wall for US-Soviet relations.' [8] 'Explain the importance of the Bay of Pigs invasion in the development of the Cold War.' [8]

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Three Cold War Crises					
The Berlin Crisis 1961	Cuban Missile Crisis 1962	Czechoslovakia 1968			
 Key individuals: Eisenhower and Kennedy (USA) Khrushchev (USSR) 	Key individuals: • Kennedy (USA) • Khrushchev (USSR) • Castro (Cuba)	Key individuals: • Brezhnev (USSR) • Dubcek (Czechoslovakia) • Johnson (USA)			
Causes: • 'Brain drain' refugee crisis - hundreds of thousands of highly qualified workers leaving East Germany for the West	Causes: • USSR placed missiles on Cuba in response to US Jupiter missiles in Turkey.	Causes: • Czechs demanded greater freedoms and economic reform. Dubcek appointed leader			
Key events: • Berlin ultimatum 1958 • Vienna Summit 1961 • Construction of the Berlin Wall 1961	 Key events: Communist revolution led by Castro 1959 Bay of Pigs invasion 1961 Missiles discovered by USA Kennedy ordered removal + blockaded Cuba 	 Key events: Dubcek announced Prague Spring reforms Opposition to Communism increase USSR invades and arrests Dubcek, reversing reforms 			
Outcomes: • West Berlin isolated and migration ended • Heightened tensions between USA and USSR	Outcomes: Increased rivalry between USA and USSR Hotline installed for instant communication Various treaties between 1963 and 1968	Outcomes: • Brezhnev Doctrine • Other communist countries condemned USSR • US condemnation but no intervention			



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	Ke	Question types			
	Reasons for Detente	Carter Doctrine	A US vow to go to war if their interests in Middle East threatened	'Explain two consequences' [8] Tips on p19	
Detente	An period of improved relations between US and USSR	Boycott	A refusal to use certain services or to attend an event	Two PEE paragraphs explaining two things that happened as a result of an event, with a clear link to the event demonstrated.	
Linkage	Nixon's plan to 'link' benefits to positive Soviet actions		Reagan and the Second Cold War		
Bilateral	Agreements that involve cooperation between two parties	Second Cold War	Reagan's escalation of the Cold War after the failure of detente	Useful phrases: "One consequence of was"	
Detente		NUTS	Targeting nuclear weapons at USSR warheads, not cities	"This was a consequence because"	
SALT I	A plan to limit production of new nuclear weapons	START	Talks focused on reducing total nuclear weapons on both sides		
АВМ	Anti-Ballistic Missiles – reduced by the SALT Treaty	SDI	'Star Wars' – high tech laser guided missile protection system	'Write a narrative account' [8] Tips on p30 Tell the story of the event in three separate sections, in	
MIRV	Weapons that contained several targetable warheads		Gorbachev's 'New Thinking'	chronological order, linked, and with specific detail. Useful phrases: "As a result of this" "This meant that" "This led to"	
Disarmament	Reducing or completely destroying supplies of weapons	New Thinking	A series of reforms proposed by Gorbachev to modernise USSR		
Apollo-Soyuz	A US-Soviet meeting in space to show their cooperation	Perestroika	'Restructuring' – economic changes to the USSR and communism		
Helsinki Agreements	Agreements over issues like security and human rights	Glasnost	'Openness' – greater freedoms within the USSR and E Europe	(Eveloid the investment of (10) + 2 Time on a 52	
Human Rights	Basic freedoms that are not respected in some countries	Dissidents	Political opponents to a regime that often experience persecution	'Explain the importance of' [8] x 2 Tips on p53 2 PEE paragraphs about how a specific event had	
Afghanistan and End of Detente		Uskoreniye	Acceleration – a Soviet plan to boost and modernise the economy	broader significance. Events can be significant if they influenced lots of people, or led to change, for	
Mujahideen	An Afghan resistance force that was armed by the US	INF Treaty	First successful agreement to reduce nuclear weapons	example.	
Jihad	A Muslim 'holy war' that was declared against the USSR	Sinatra Doctrine	Nickname of plan for E European countries to do things 'their way'	Useful phrases: "This was important to because" " was important because it	
Fundamentalism	An extreme and dangerous version of a religion	The	Fall of the Berlin Wall and the End of the Cold War	led to"	
Embassy	A building that represents one country's people in another.	Reunification	Germany being reunited into a single country after being divided		

Ronald Reagan

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Mikhail Gorbachev

Ronald Reagan was a former Hollywood actor who was elected US President in 1980. He took a tougher line with the USSR, and his SDI 'Star Wars' initiative led to massive military spending. His description of the USSR as the 'Evil Empire' in 1982 deteriorated relations, but his policies forced the USSR to accept that they couldn't keep up with US progress and that reform was necessary.

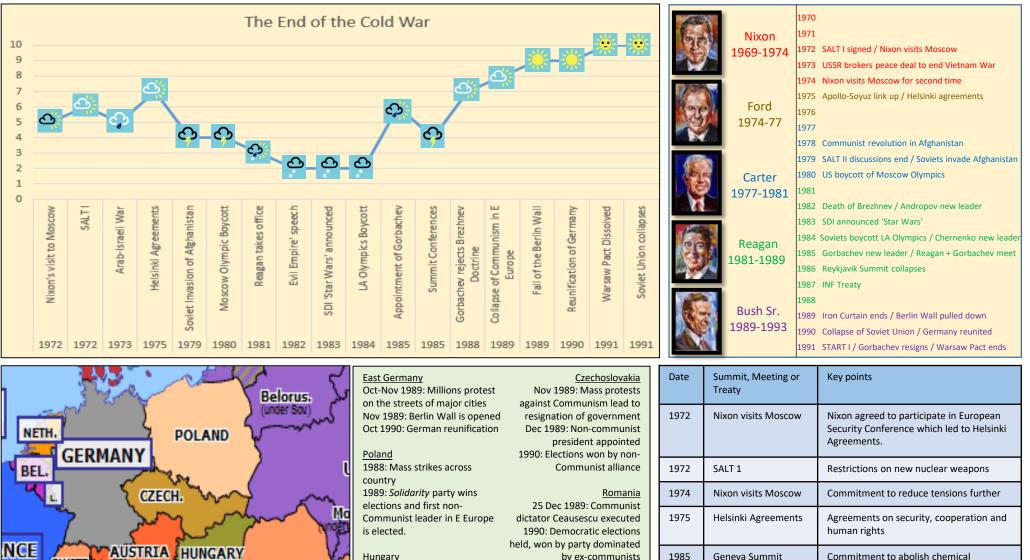
Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985 with the USSR in crisis. He was their fourth leader in the last three years and their political and economic situation looked bleak. Gorbachev announced a series of reforms called 'New Thinking' including 'glasnost' and 'perestroika'. His willingness to reform the USSR and improve relations with the West made him incredibly popular in the USA. His reforms brought about the end of the Soviet Union. Sample exam questions

'Explain two consequences of Nixon's visit to Moscow in 1972.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Helsinki Agreements of 1975.' [8] 'Explain two consequences of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979'. [8] 'Explain two consequences for US-USSR relations of Reagan's election in 1980'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of Gorbachev's 'New Thinking' for Eastern Europe'. [8] 'Explain two consequences of Gorbachev's rise to power in the USSR'. [8]

'Write a narrative account of attempts to improve US-Soviet relations in the 1970s'. [8]
''Write a narrative account of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979'. [8]
'Write a narrative account of the diplomatic developments between US-USSR between 1985-87.' [8]
'Write a narrative account of the impact of Gorbachev's reforms on Eastern Europe.' [8]
'Write a narrative account of the reunification of Germany between 1989-90.' [8]
'Write a narrative account of the collapse of the Soviet Union between 1989-91.' [8]

'Explain the importance of SALT I for the development of the Cold War.' [8] 'Explain the importance of the Helsinki Agreements for US-Soviet relations.' [8] 'Explain the importance of Gorbachev's election for US-Soviet relations.' [8] 'Explain the importance of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan for US-Soviet relations'. [8]

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Hungary 1988: Becomes multi-party state 1989: Border opens with democratic Austria 1990: anti-Communist alliance wins elections

ROMANIA

BULGARIA

YUGOSLAVIA

SWITZ

by ex-communists Bulgaria 1990: Democratic elections held, won by renamed **Communist Party**

1986

1987

Reykjavik Summit

INF Treaty

weapons, Reagan refused to cancel SDI

Talks collapse over continued refusal to

Large scale reduction of nuclear weapons

cancel SDI