

Superpowers Face Off in the Cold War

Links Far and Near

1. Turn to pages 94–95 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at map B, “Threat of the Atomic Bomb.” Write **C** if the statement refers to Communist countries and **D** if the statement refers to democratic countries.
 - a. Led by the United States _____
 - b. Led by the Soviet Union _____
 - c. Made up of NATO and CENTO _____
 - d. Missile sites located mainly in the north of its superpower _____
 - e. Controlled eastern Europe _____
 - f. Had enemies along its southern border _____

People and Cultures

2. Look at map B and photo A. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. _____ Soviet missile sites were concentrated in Europe.
 - b. _____ School children were not aware of the threat of nuclear war.
 - c. _____ The Soviet Union had allies along the U.S. border.
 - d. _____ Both sides believed they would only win if they attacked first with nuclear weapons.
 - e. _____ Mutual Assured Destruction prevented both sides from going to war.

Location

3. Look at map B and map C, “Iron Curtain.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - a. The superpowers planned to launch attacks over the _____.
 - b. The Iron Curtain divided _____ Germany and _____ Germany.
 - c. _____ was a city that was divided by the Cold War.
 - d. The alliance between the Soviet Union and _____ Europe was called the _____.

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

4. Look again at map C. Write **N** if the country was a member of NATO, **W** if it was a member of the Warsaw Pact, or **O** if it was not a member of either alliance.

Country	Alliance
a. Spain	_____
b. Yugoslavia	_____
c. Turkey	_____
d. Poland	_____
e. Ireland	_____
f. East Germany	_____
g. West Germany	_____

★ History Through Maps

5. Look at maps B and C. For each pair of statements, write **C** next to the cause and **E** next to the effect.
- a. _____ Americans, British, and French airlift supplies to West Berlin.
_____ Soviets blockade West Berlin.
- b. _____ Soviets test their first atomic bomb.
_____ The nuclear arms race begins as Americans and Soviets stockpile nuclear weapons.

Thinking About History

6. Look at map D, “Cuban Missile Crisis.” Use the information to complete the paragraph below.

The Soviet Union placed nuclear missiles in Cuba near the capital of _____ in the year _____. These missiles were about 200 miles from the American city of _____. The United States placed a _____ around Cuba and demanded that the missiles be removed. The world nervously expected _____ Soviet ships carrying _____ were finally ordered to stop before reaching Cuba. The Soviets agreed to _____ the missiles.