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The Cold War

Propaganda, Spies and Nuclear Technology...

What was the Cold War?

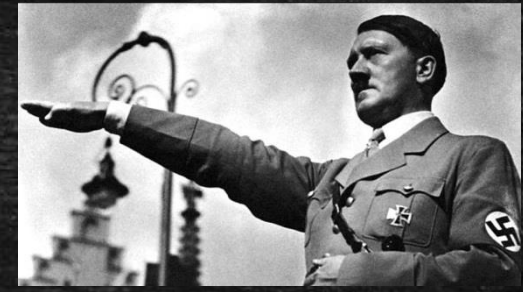


What Was the Cold War?

What happened in the Second World War?

What sparked the USA and the Soviet Union to war?

The Common Enemy – Adolf Hitler



Russia and America had to team up to defeat the Nazi Regime.

- But the alliance was unstable as they had different sole causes, freedom and communism. They had to sign a peace treaty to stop anarchy between the western powers and the soviet union on the battlefield.

The Nazis

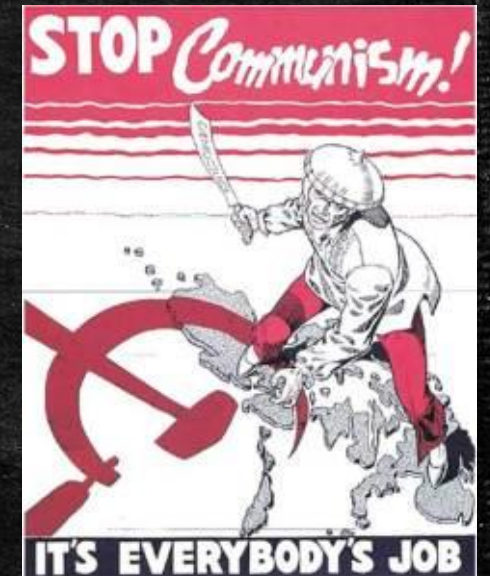
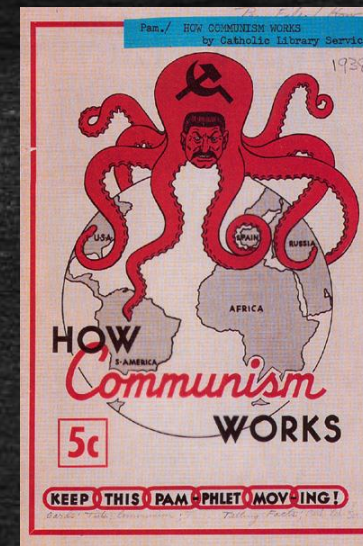
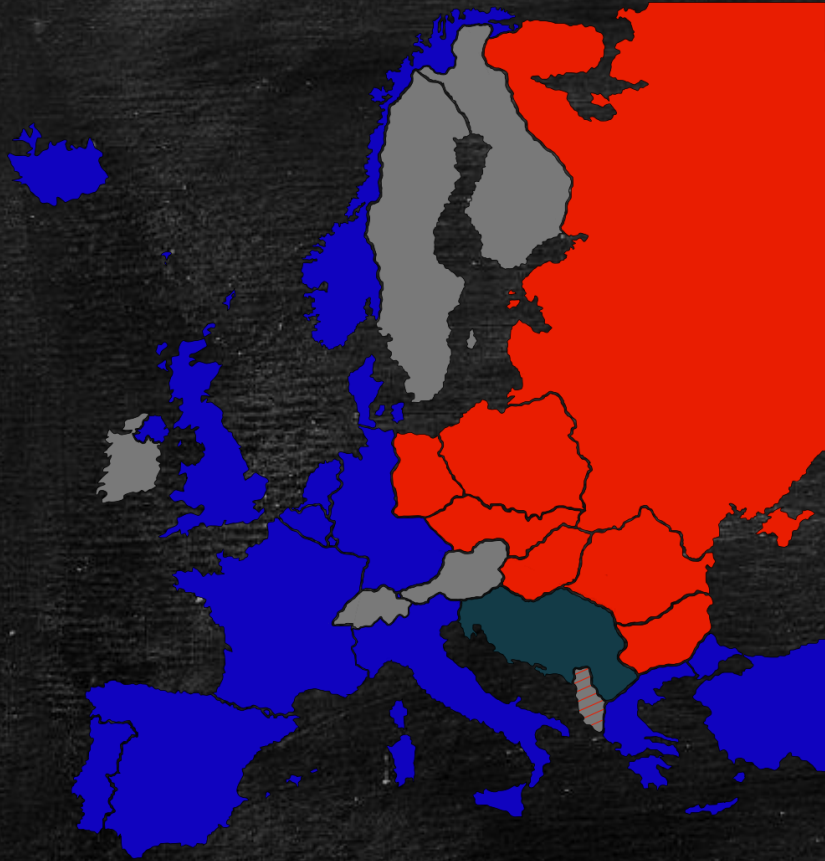
- The Nazis were originally a party in the German government, which rose to power following a vote. Their leader: Adolf Hitler, had plans for world domination and broke several peace agreements and conquered several small countries. He needed to be stopped.

Breaking the Fine Line

After their pact, Josef Stalin, the leader of the Soviet Union, started to spread communist propaganda across non-Soviet countries; resulting in eventually breaking the fine line between America and the U.S.S.R*.

As former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, stated: an "iron curtain" was created. It was a border between east and western Europe. The American government figured they could not stop communism, they could only contain it. This resulted in the figurative "iron curtain".

*United Soviet Socialist Republic



Propaganda

Physical Combat- Vietnam and Cuba



The Cuban Missile Crisis-1964

Vietnam was a country that had to suffer because of communism and nuclear weapons. They agreed to store nuclear missiles for Russia. Cuba did the same. Did you know, John Rambo was a real person that fought in Vietnam for the Americans. He actually regrets killing anyone in Vietnam though he gathered over 50 confirmed kills. In Cuba, there were some very wacky plans to assassinate the Cuban leader, though none of the American plans succeeded, and Fidel Castro (aka the beard) lived to 84.

Berlin Wall and the Division of a Country

- Because of the communist empire expanding, Germany was split into two. The capital, Berlin, had a wall erected to stop the communists from expanding any further. It was destroyed in 1989 when the Soviet Union fell. It was 12 feet tall and 9 inches thick. It is a symbol of the evil of communism like Auschwitz is a symbol of the evil of the Nazis.



Space Race



The Downfall of Communism (Mostly)

- In 1985, the U.S.S.R gave up. It was exhausted militarily and economically. The Cold War was ended at last! Poland gained it's rightful freedom along with several other countries like Germany and Czechoslovakia (now Czech republic and Slovakia). The Berlin Wall was destroyed and Russia was reborn. There are still some communist countries in the world but they had never been under the influence of the long gone Soviet union.