**What is a Cold War?**

* Neither side fights directly
* Fighting occurred amongst “client” states
  + “Nuclear Deterrence”
* Consequences of a “Hot War” was a deterrent for starting it – Nuclear Bombs
* Technology Race (Space Race/ Arms Race)
* Requires espionage (act of spying)
* World Influence Race - not imperialism or colonialism but “alliances”
* Conflict of SUPERPOWERS
  + Pre WWII powers = Britain, France, Italy, US, Russia, Japan, Germany
* Superpowers come out of WWII because of their military strength (numbers) = US and Russia

Causes of Cold War

1) Beliefs

* Results of Opposite Beliefs
* Propaganda
* Both sides used propaganda to create fear of invasion by the other

2) Aims after WWII

3) Resentment in History

Soviet Union:

* Allies helped Whites fight against the Communist Reds
* Allies waited too long to help Russia in WWII

Britain and US

* Russia signed the Nazi-Soviet Pact in 1939

4) WWII Conferences

* Yalta (Feb 1945)
* Plans to divide Germany
* Poland to have a provisional government with a free election
* Plan for Pacific war
* Potsdam
* Finalized division of Germany
* Russia allowed to take reparations from their territory
* Allies disagreed about division of Germany, reparations, and Russian influence over Eastern Europe (compromise for the Allies)
* Introduction of a “new weapon”

United Nations (June 26, 1945)

1. General Assembly (193 members):

– study, discuss, make recommendations to promote international cooperation (welfare, disarmament, maintaining peace)

1. Security Council (5+10):

– actions to prevent future wars

* + Permanent members = China, Russia, UK, France, USA (Victors of WWII)
  + Non permanent members get 2 year rotations

1. International Justice Council:

– Used to uphold the UN Charter and applies only to states that join the UN

1. Secretariat:

– daily duties of the UN (they work for the UN, no government interference)

1. Economic and Social Council:

– Special agencies (WHO, UNESCO, UNICEF)

5) Alliances

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1949)

* Military alliance between Canada, US, Britain and other democratic countries
* Agreement that any attack on a NATO country would be an attack on all

Warsaw Pact 1955-91

* Created in reaction to NATO
* Included Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Czechoslovakia
* Iron Curtain