Objective
The student will demonstrate knowledge of major events and outcomes of the Cold War by
   a) explaining key events of the Cold War, including the competition between the American and
      Soviet economic and political systems and the causes of the collapse of Communism in the
      Soviet Union and Eastern Europe;
   b) assessing the impact of nuclear power on patterns of conflict and cooperation since 1945.

Essential Understandings
Competition between the United States and the U.S.S.R. laid the foundation for the Cold War.

The Cold War influenced the policies of the United States and the U.S.S.R. towards other nations and
conflicts around the world.

The presence of nuclear weapons influenced patterns of conflict and cooperation since 1945.

Communism failed as an economic system in the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

Essential Questions
1. What events led to the Cold War?
2. What was the impact of nuclear weapons?
3. What were the causes and consequences of the collapse of the Soviet Union?

Essential Knowledge
Beginning of the Cold War (1945-1948)
   o The Yalta Conference and the Soviet control of Eastern Europe
   o Rivalry between the United States and the U.S.S.R.
   o Democracy and the free enterprise system v. dictatorship and communism
   o President Truman and the Policy of Containment
   o Eastern Europe—Soviet satellite nations; the Iron Curtain

Characteristics of the Cold War (1948-1989)
   o North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) v. the Warsaw Pact
   o Korean Conflict
   o Vietnam War
   o Berlin and significance of Berlin Wall
   o Cuban Missile Crisis
   o Nuclear weapons and the theory of deterrence

Collapse of Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
   o Soviet economic collapse
   o Nationalism in Warsaw Pact countries
   o Tearing down of Berlin Wall
   o Breakup of the Soviet Union
   o Expansion of NATO
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- The Yalta Conference (1945)
  - U.S. (______________), U.S.S.R. (______________), and Great Britain (______________)
  - Goals
    - Promote ________________
    - Provide ________________
    - Help form ________________ based on will of people
  - Conflicting Views
    - Roosevelt: ____________________________
    - Stalin: strong ________________ ________________ and protection against invasion

- Truman and the Policy of Containment
  - Containment: Policy aimed at preventing the spread of ________________
  - Truman Doctrine led policy by creating alliances and helping weak countries resist

Characteristics of the Cold War (1948-1989)

- Korean Conflict (1950-1953)
  - North Korea (______________) vs. South Korea (______________ - ________________)
  - ________________ ________________ divides the two Koreas
  - ________________ supported N. Korea and ________________ supported S. Korea

- Vietnam War
  - North Vietnam (______________) vs. South Vietnam (______________ - ________________)
  - ________________ supported N. Vietnam and ________________ supported S. Vietnam
  - ________________ ________________ was N. Vietnamese leader (Communist)
  - (Vietcong-south Vietnamese citizens who supported the north Vietnamese communism)
  - ________________ of Vietnam

- Cuban Missile Crisis (July 1962)
  - ________________ U.S. discovered U.S.S.R. had missiles in ________________
  - President ________________ demanded removal; ready to retaliate
  - ________________ (U.S.S.R.) agreed to remove them

Collapse of Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

- Soviet Economic Collapse
  - Caused by the ________________ ________________ with U.S., bankrupt

- Breakup of USSR (1989)
  - ________________ led transition from communism to semi-free market
    - ________________ : policy aimed at reforming the Soviet economy
    - ________________ : policy of openness
Vocabulary: **Match the correct term with definition.**

1. United Nations  
2. Iron Curtain  
3. Containment  
4. Truman Doctrine  
5. Marshall Plan  
6. Cold War  
7. NATO  
8. Warsaw Pact  
9. Parallel  
10. Ho Chi Minh  
11. Vietcong  
12. Ngo Dinh Diem  
13. Khmer Rouge  
14. Gorbachev  
15. Glasnost  
16. Perestroika  
17. Reagan

A. Policy aimed at preventing the spread of communism  
B. Military alliance between the Soviet Union and countries of eastern Europe  
C. The 38th _____ is the line that separates N. Korea (Communist) and S. Korea (Non-Communist)  
D. Division between Eastern and Western Europe during the Cold War  
E. Communist rebels in South Vietnam who were supported by North Vietnam  
F. President of the United States from 1981 to 1989 (last name only)  
G. Communist rebels who set up a brutal government in Cambodia  
H. Vietnamese nationalist who drove the French out of Vietnam and who led N. Vietnam  
I. Gorbachev's policy of openness  
J. World organization formed to prevent war  
K. Plan to give aid to European countries to help them recover from the war  
L. Gorbachev's policy aimed at reforming the Soviet economy  
M. Leader of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991 (last name only)  
N. Policy of giving aid to countries threatened by communism  
O. Leader of the anticommunist government of South Vietnam  
P. Military alliance of the U.S., Canada, and countries of western Europe  
Q. State of tension and mistrust between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. after WWII