**Key Topic 2. Cold War crises 1958-70**

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**Content**

**In a Nutshell**: Overview of developments **Cold War crises 1958-70**

**Causes and Analysis of Cold War crises 1958-70**  **includin**g:

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**Cracking the Puzzle** – Preparing for assessment.

**Language and Literacy**

**Key Terms and their meanings in Cold War 1958-70.**

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**(I) In a Nutshell: Overview of old War 1958-70**

**Content overview**

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**(II) Causes and Analysis of developments:**

**Activity 1** – On your marks…..

The timeline grid sums up developments in the Cold War 1958-70. For each area colour code each box; stable/successful (green), becoming unstable/some difficulties (yellow) or significant problems/unsuccessful (red).

**Activity 2** – Get set…..

Your teacher will give you an A3 copy of a concept map. Stick it in your book. You will fill sections in at the end of each key focus area. As well as adding information to your concept map you can add a colour scheme to identify key themes.

**Activity 3** – Go…..

As well as the lesson work and activities, read your book independently and visit the library. There are also many excellent websites listed in the back of this booklet to check out. Try to develop your own individual interest in this area of focus .

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**Activity 1**

The refugee problem in Berlin, Khrushchev’s Berlin ultimatum (1958), and the summit meetings of 1959–61.p40-41

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|  | The refugee problem in Berlin, Khrushchev’s Berlin ultimatum (1958), and the summit meetings of 1959–61. |
| **Anxieties for Khrushchev.** |  |
| **The refugee problem in Berlin** |  |
| **Khrushchev’s Berlin ultimatum** |  |
| **Paris summit 1960** |  |
| **Vienna summit 1961** |  |

**Activity 2**

Soviet relations with Cuba, the Cuban Revolution and the refusal of the USA to recognise Castro’s government. p46

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|  | Soviet relations with Cuba, the Cuban Revolution and the refusal of the USA to recognise Castro’s government. |
| **Increased tension over Cuba** |  |
| **The Cuban revolution** |  |
| **Soviet relations with Cuba** |  |

**Activity 3**

The significance of the Bay of Pigs incident. P 47-49

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|  | The significance of the Bay of Pigs incident. |
| **Bay of Pigs April 1961** |  |
| **Reasons the invasion failed** |  |
| **Significance of the invasion** |  |
| **Military build up in Cuba** |  |

**Activity 4**

Opposition in Czechoslovakia to Soviet control: the Prague Spring. p54-57

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|  | Opposition in Czechoslovakia to Soviet control: the Prague Spring. |
| **Increased tension over Czechoslovakia** |  |
| **Novotny’s fall from power** |  |
| **Novotny’s replacement Dubcek** |  |
| **The Prague Spring Reforms** |  |
| **Reactions to the reforms** |  |
| **Other reasons for the invasion** |  |

**Activity 5**

**SECTION A: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91**

**Answer ALL questions in this section.**

1 Explain two consequences of the Berlin refugee problem by 1961.

8 marks

2 Write an account that explains the key events of the Cuba’s relation with America 1959-61.

You may use the following in your answer:

* Soviet relations with Cuba
* Bay of Pigs April 1961

You must also use information of your own. 8 marks

3 Explain two of the following:

* The importance of the events in Berlin by 1961 for the development of the Cold War. (8 marks)
* The importance of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia (1968) for relations between the US and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)
* The importance of the Cuban revolution for the development of the Cold War. (8 marks)

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)

**Focus 2. Cold War crises**

The construction of the Berlin Wall, 1961. The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The Brezhnev Doctrine and the re-establishment of Soviet control in Czechoslovakia.

**Activity 1**

The construction of the Berlin Wall 1961. p42

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|  | The construction of the Berlin Wall 1961 |
| **Construction of the Wall** |  |

**Activity 2**

The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis. p50-51

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|  | The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis. |
| **The photographs** |  |
| **Kennedy’s reaction** |  |
| **The October crisis** | **22nd October**  **24th October**  **26th October**  **27th October**  **28th October** |

**Activity 3**

The Brezhnev Doctrine. p59

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|  | The Brezhnev Doctrine |
| The Brezhnev Doctrine |  |

**Activity 4**

The re-establishment of Soviet control in Czechoslovakia p58-59

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|  | The re-establishment of Soviet control in Czechoslovakia |
| **Soviet invasion** |  |

**Activity 5**

**SECTION A: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91**

**Answer ALL questions in this section.**

1 Explain two consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962).

8 marks

2 Write an account that explains the key events of the Berlin Crisis, 1948–49.

You may use the following in your answer:

* Stalin’s fears
* the Airlift

You must also use information of your own. 8 marks

3 Explain two of the following:

* The importance of the events in Berlin 1959-61 for the development of the Cold War. (8 marks)
* The importance of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia (1968) for relations between the US and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)
* The importance of the Cuban Missile Crisis 1962 for relations between US and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)

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**Activity 1**

Impact of the construction of the Berlin Wall on US-Soviet relations. p43

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|  | Impact of the construction of the Berlin Wall on US-Soviet relations |
| **Impact of the Berlin Wall for US Soviet relations** |  |
| **Impact of the Berlin Wall for Germans** |  |

**Activity 2**

Kennedy’s visit to Berlin in 1963. p44

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|  | Kennedy’s visit to Berlin in 1963. |
| **The end of the Berlin crisis** |  |
| **Kennedy’s visit to Berlin 1963** |  |

**Activity 3**

The consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis: the ‘hotline’, the Limited Test Ban Treaty 1963. p52

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|  | The consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis: the ‘hotline’, the Limited Test Ban Treaty 1963. |
| **The consequences** |  |
| **Increased rivalry** |  |
| **The hotline** |  |
| **Treaties** |  |

**Activity 4**

The Outer Space Treaty 1967; and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968. p52

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|  | The Outer Space Treaty 1967; and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968 |
| **Treaties** |  |

**Activity 5**

International reaction to Soviet measures in Czechoslovakia.p60-61

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|  | International reaction to Soviet measures in Czechoslovakia. |
| **Czechoslovakia** |  |
| **Soviet and USA relations** |  |
| **Western Europe** |  |
| **Communist countries** |  |

**Activity 6**

**SECTION A: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91**

**Answer ALL questions in this section.**

1 Explain two consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962).

8 marks

2 Write an account that explains the key events of the Berlin Crisis, 1959-61.

You may use the following in your answer:

* The refugee problem
* The Vienna summit

You must also use information of your own. 8 marks

3 Explain two of the following:

* The importance of the events in Berlin 1959-61 for the development of the Cold War. (8 marks)
* The importance of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia (1968) for relations between the US and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)
* The importance of Cuban Revolution for US and Soviet relations. (8 marks)

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)

**(III) Assessment for Learning**

**Puzzle practise : Cold War 1958-70**

**In the puzzle there will be three compulsory questions covering the core content. The content will come from either one or a combination of the key themes covered in each of the key questions;**

**The following examples are focussed on content from ..**

**Exam Practise**

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* Stalin’s fears
* the Airlift

You must also use information of your own. 8 marks

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3 Explain two of the following:

* The importance of the events in Hungary in 1956 for the development of the Cold War. (8 marks)
* The importance of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia (1968) for relations between the US and the Soviet Union. (8 marks)
* The importance of Gorbachev’s ‘new thinking’ for Soviet control of Eastern Europe. (8 marks)

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)

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**Trigger Memory Activity for Cold War 1958-70**

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| **Trigger Words** | **Trigger Picture** | **Add Trigger**  **Points from your notes** |
| **Focus 1 Increased tension between East and West**  The refugee problem in Berlin. |  |  |
| Khrushchev’s Berlin ultimatum (1958), |  |  |
| The summit meetings of 1959–61. |  |  |
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| The Outer Space Treaty 1967; and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968. |  |  |
| International reaction to Soviet measures in Czechoslovakia. |  |  |

**Trigger Memory Story Cold War 1958-70**

**The story must be very imaginative. It must involve you seeing, talking and doing things. It must link the ten trigger words together in the form of a continuous story. You should then rehearse the story and commit it too your long term memory to be recalled when necessary. This will take some effort but will be very useful! Use different colours to write the trigger words in your story.**

I was on my way to a history lesson and on entering the room the clock began to go backwards, minutes, hours, days, months, years coming to a halt in 1958. There was a relaxation of tension in the Cold War called Detente