

COLD WAR ERA: COMPARISON CHART

SUBJECT: GLOBAL HISTORY 1947-1991 CLASSIFICATION: EDUCATIONAL TEMPLATE

Western Bloc (NATO)

Economic System: Capitalism / Market Economy
Political System: Liberal Democracy
Leading Power: United States

Eastern Bloc (Warsaw Pact)

Economic System: Command / Planned Economy
Political System: Single-party Communist State
Leading Power: Soviet Union (USSR)

KEY EVENT / ERA	SIGNIFICANCE & IMPACT	NOTES / OUTCOME
The Truman Doctrine (1947)	Policy of containment to stop the spread of communism globally.	
The Marshall Plan	Economic aid to rebuild Western Europe and prevent socialist uprisings.	
The Berlin Airlift (1948)	First major confrontation; Western response to the Soviet blockade.	
The Korean War (1950-53)	Hot war proxy conflict; established the 38th Parallel boundary.	

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Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)	Thirteen-day confrontation; closest the world came to nuclear war.	
Detente Era	Period of eased tensions, salt treaties, and diplomatic visits.	
Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)	Symbolic end of the "Iron Curtain" and Soviet influence in Europe.	

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