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# History 332

## THE GLOBAL DIPLOMACY OF THE COLD WAR
### AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

### 6 September
**Introduction:**
The Course and Themes of the Cold War

### 8 September
**America, China, and Russia in the World:**
The Historical and International Setting

#### Readings:
- Gaddis, *We Now Know*, pp. vii-4.

### 11 September
**The Bolshevik Revolution & Western Response:**
Wilson versus Lenin, 1917-1918

### 13 September
**A Temporary Withdrawal from the World:**
Isolationism in East and West

### 15 September
**Facing a Common Threat:**
Hitler and Nazi Germany, 1933-1941

#### Readings:
- Gaddis, *We Now Know*, pp. 5-11.
- "Secret Texts of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Non-Aggression Pact, 1939," found on the website for the Cold War International History Project at http://cwihp.si.edu (under Virtual Archive, Cold War Origins)

### 18 September
**Allies Together:**
The "Grand Alliance" in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific After Pearl Harbor, 1941-1944

### 20 September
**Allies Together?:**
The Problem of the Second Front and Yalta with Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin, 1941-1945

### 22 September
**The Lack of a Common Enemy and an Uncertain Future:**
The Creation of the United Nations, and the Potsdam Conference, 1945
Readings:
Gaddis, *We Now Know*, pp. 11-25.

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25 September
The Advent of the Atomic Age in War and Diplomacy: Truman's Decision to Drop the Bomb on Japan, 1945

27 September
The Cold War in Europe:
The Emergence of an "Iron Curtain," 1945-1946

29 September

Readings:

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2 October
Cold War Bipolarization Completed:
Two Germanies and NATO, 1948-1949

4 October
From a European to a Global Struggle:
The Communist Revolution in China, the Outbreak of the Korean War, and NSC-68, 1949-1950

6 October
McCarthyism and Cold War Hysteria:
The Case of the American "China Hands"

Readings:
Gaddis, *We Now Know*, pp. 54-84 and 113-151.

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9 October
The Cold War in Asia and the Pacific:
New Zealand, Australia, Japan, and the Philippines in Military Alliances, 1951-1955

11 October
The "New Look" Around the World:
Eisenhower, Dulles, and Khrushchev

13 October
New Nationalism and Global Confrontation:
The Superpowers Compete in Indochina, Africa, and Latin America
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Readings:
Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 85-112.
Judge & Langdon, A Hard and Bitter Peace, pp. 118-123.

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16 October
An Attempted Escape from the Cold War:
The Emergence of the "Third World" and the Non-Aligned Movement and China at Bandung

Readings:
Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 152-188.

18 October
Discussion for Preparation

20 October
MID-TERM EXAMINATION

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23 October
Discussion for Assessment

25 October
The Influence of the Cold War Upon American Domestic Policy: Human Rights and Racial Equality

27 October
Breaking of the Blocs:
The Suez Crisis, Hungarian Crisis, and Sino-Soviet Split, 1956-1960

Readings:
Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 189-220.

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30 October
The Symbol of the Cold War:
"The Wall" in Berlin

1 November
"Eyeball-to-Eyeball" at the Brink:
The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

3 November
Diplomacy & Mutual Assured Destruction: "MAD"

Readings:
Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 221-280.
Kennedy, Thirteen Days: Memoir, all
6 November  Diplomacy and Covert Action in the Cold War: The CIA Versus the KGB

8 November  The "Paradox of Impotent Power": The United States in Vietnam, 1962-1974

10 November  Holiday

Readings:
"Spy vs. Spy," found on the website of the Cold War International History Project at http://cwihp.si.edu (under Virtual Archive, Intelligence)

13 November  The Soviets Invade Eastern Europe: The Czechoslovakian Invasion, 1968

15 November  The United States and China: Nixon, Kissinger, and Détente, 1970-1972

17 November  The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks I: Nixon, Kissinger, and Détente, 1972-1975

Readings:

20 November  Changing the Cold War in Africa and the Middle East

22 November  Holiday

24 November  Holiday

Readings:

27 November  "On the Same Earth": Carter, the Arms Race, and the Cold War

29 November  A Dangerous Escalation: The Soviets Invade Afghanistan, 1979-1980

1 December  The "Evil Empire" and "Star Wars": Reagan and the Soviet Union, 1980-1984
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Readings:
Oberdorfer, *From the Cold War to a New Era*, pp. 15-105.

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4 December  
**Nuclear Free:**
"The New Zealand Way" and the *Rainbow Warrior* Affair, 1984-1985

6 December  
**Gorbachev and the Revolution of 1989:**
Gorbachev Launches a Revolution, 1985-1989

8 December  
**The End in Sight:**
Irreversible Upheavals, 1989-1991

Readings:
Oberdorfer, *From the Cold War to a New Era*, pp. 107-386.

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11 December  
**The Death Blow to the Cold War:**
Bush, Gorbachev, and Yeltsin

13 December  
**Toward the Future:**
Who Won the Cold War and Why? and Now What About Putin?

15 December  
Discussion for Preparation

Readings:
Gaddis, *We Now Know*, pp. 281-295.
Oberdorfer, *From the Cold War to a New Era*, pp. 387-481.

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21 December  
**FINAL EXAMINATION 1:10-3:10 pm**

(This comprehensive examination is designed as a two-hour final, but an additional hour will be provided for those who wish to have more time to write.)