

GCSE HISTORY

International Relations, 1945–2003

- **Breakdown of the wartime alliance** between the USA and USSR in 1945: - Yalta - Potsdam - Hiroshima, Nagasaki and the start of the Cold War - the ideological differences between the USA and the USSR: the superpowers Emerging superpower rivalry and its consequences, 1945–49
- **The Soviet takeover of Eastern Europe:** - actions of the USSR in Eastern Europe, 1945–49 - the response of the USA and its allies
- The emergence of the Cold War and the impact on relations, 1946–47: - **Iron Curtain speech - Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan** Flashpoints in Europe and the impact on international relations
- The actions of the USSR in Eastern Europe and the impact on international relations: - the **Berlin Blockade and Airlift, 1948–49:** causes, events, and the consequences and impact on relations - Hungary, 1956: causes of the uprising, crushing of dissent by the USSR, the response of the West, and the consequences and impact on relations
- **Berlin, 1959–61:** reasons for growing tension over Berlin, the response of the West, the building of the Berlin Wall, and the consequences and impact on relations
- **Czechoslovakia, 1968:** the causes of the Prague Spring, the Soviet response, the response of the West, and the consequences and impact on relations CCEA GCSE History from September 2017 24 Content Elaboration of Content Flashpoints outside Europe and the impact on international relations
- The actions of the USA and USSR outside Europe and the impact on international relations:
 - **Korean War, 1950–53:** the reasons for USA involvement in the Korean War, the role of China and the USSR, the key events and consequences of the war and its impact on relations
 - **the conflict in Vietnam, 1950–73:** the reasons for USA involvement, 1950–64, the actions of the USA, 1965–73, the role of China and the USSR, and the key events and consequences of the war and its impact on relations
 - **Cuban Missile Crisis, 1959–62:** the causes of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the actions of the USA and USSR, the key events and consequences of the crisis and its impact on relations
- **Soviet war in Afghanistan, 1979–89:** the reasons for USSR involvement, the actions of the USSR, the short-term consequences of the war and its impact on relations The end of the Cold War, 1985–91
- The actions of the USSR and USA in Europe and the impact on international relations: - the policies of Gorbachev: **Glasnost and Perestroika** - the role of President Reagan - the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe - the Cold War ends New tensions emerge, 1991–2003
- The new age of conflict, the **'war on terror'** and the impact on international relations: - consequences of the Soviet War in Afghanistan: the rise of the Taliban and the origins of Al-Qaeda
 - reasons for **September 11 attacks:** the response of the USA and its allies, and the **'war on terror'** - reasons for the invasion of Afghanistan, 2001 and its impact on international relations - reasons for the invasion of Iraq, 2003, the downfall of Saddam Hussein and the impact of the Iraq War on international relations

Online Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z3b4v9q>

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL3RISCzuoT5d4Fbu07guAO_wCQOwSt8v&spfreload=10

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL3RISCzuoT6LeGQMfZoOmpTaEpOushfD>

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Examination Papers

Paper 2: (1 hour 15 minutes)

School Revision Resources

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Past Papers & mark schemes

History Revision notes (A3 mind maps)