

Attachment B: Beginning of the Cold War 1945-1948

- I. Battle of Ideologies – The United States v. The Soviet Union
 - A. Political
 1. United States – Republican Form of Democracy
 - a. Citizens elect government officials.
 - b. Government is based on a multi-party system.
 - c. Government is based on Enlightenment ideas.
 - d. Bill of Rights guarantees protection from government's power.
 2. Soviet Union – Communist Dictatorship
 - a. Government officials are selected by the communist party.
 - b. Government is based on a one-party system controlled by one leader.
 - c. Government is based on the ideas of Lenin and Stalin.
 - d. Citizens have only the rights granted to them by the government. Rights may be denied at the whim of the government.
 - B. Economical
 1. United States – Capitalism (free enterprise)
 - a. Economic system is based on Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*.
 - b. Individuals control the "market" to answer economic questions.
 - c. Economy is based on consumer goods that help individuals make a profit.
 - d. Citizens pay taxes to government so that services can be provided.
 2. Soviet Union – Communism (command economy)
 - a. Economy is based loosely on Marx's and Engels's ideas.
 - b. Government commands resources to answer economic questions.
 - c. Economy is based on capital goods to build up the power of the state.
 - d. Citizens often experience shortages of everyday consumer goods.
- II. The Yalta Conference
 - A. Meeting of Big Three
 1. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (US)
 2. Prime Minister Winston Churchill (UK)
 3. Soviet Leader Josef Stalin
 - B. Purposes of the meeting
 1. To determine the fate of peace in Europe
 2. To divide Germany and its capital into 4 occupation zones
 - a. United States, Great Britain, and France unified zones to create West Germany and West Berlin (each democratic).
 - b. Soviet Union's zones became East Germany and East Berlin (each communist).
 - C. Effects of the Conference
 1. Began feelings of mistrust
 2. Divided Europe between democracy and communism
 3. Created Stalin's desire for a buffer zone