**The Cold War Documentary: Chapter One *Comrades 1917-1945***

*This is an optional task but a great way of building detailed knowledge of the key events you will studying this year. Look at the powerpoint to watch the link to the films. Here are some questions for the first 7 episodes.*

1. What was Churchill’s attitude to the ‘Hun’ and the ‘Reds’ after WW1?
2. Why did the both the USSR and USA keep isolate themselves in the 1920s?
3. Why did Roosevelt change the US position towards the Soviet Union in the 1930s?
4. How did the US actually contribute to Stalin’s Russia in the 1930s?
5. Why did Stalin have to convince people in Russia that capitalists were a threat to the USSR?
6. Why did democratic Socialists and totalitarian Communist join together in the 1930s?
7. What was Roosevelt’s position on potential war in Europe in the late 1930s?
8. Why did Stalin do a deal with Hitler (2 reasons)?
9. What did the Nazi-Soviet Pact allow Stalin to do?
10. What were the US responses to Soviet invasions at the beginning of the War?
11. Why did Churchill welcome the Soviet Union in 1941?
12. Why did the USA and USSR become allies?
13. What did Stalin tell British representatives in the very early stages of the Nazi invasion?
14. What did the US mainly contribute to the USSR war effort? What did they actually want?
15. How did the Nazis attempt to split the Allies? What was the British and US response?
16. What did Stalin do to Roosevelt at the Tehran Conference?
17. How did the leaders get on at Tehran and what was agreed?
18. What did Stalin do in Poland that angered many?
19. What mistakes did Roosevelt make at the Yalta Conference?
20. Why was Stalin always going to get what he wanted in eastern Europe?
21. What was agreed at Yalta?
22. What happened in April 1945 that changed the diplomatic situation?
23. Why were the Germans so eager to see US troops?
24. What were the feelings of Americans and Russians upon meeting each other at the River Elbe in Germany?
25. How many Russians were lost during the war compared to British and Americans?
26. What was founded at San Francisco in 1945?
27. What did Truman declare at the Potsdam Conference?
28. How did Stalin react to the revelation of nuclear weapons by Truman?
29. What shocked him more?

**The Cold War Documentary: Chapter Two ‘*Iron Curtain’***

1. How had WWII changed the US economy?
2. How was the situation different in the USSR?
3. How did the Russians treat Berliners?
4. How did the Russians take resources/reparations from Germany?
5. What was life like in central Europe?
6. Why was Britain worried about the Greek Civil War?
7. How did the USSR ensure the development of Communism in the states around them?
8. How and why were they different in Berlin and their occupied sector of Germany?
9. What did Stalin fear?
10. Why did the Polish accept semi-Communism?
11. Why was Stalin’s speech in 1946 a concern? Why might it have been misinterpreted?
12. What was in the ‘Long Telegram’ by George Kennan?
13. Why was Churchill’s ‘Iron Curtain’ speech controversial? What did he say?
14. What was Stalin’s response to Churchill?
15. How did Turkey become a flashpoint?
16. Why was Iran important in creating tension?
17. What was Truman’s response?
18. How did the Allies clash over Germany?
19. At what point did the Grand Alliance begin to break and why?
20. How did the West strengthen Polish-Soviet links?
21. What did the West fear about poverty in Germany?
22. Why were the Communists making gains by 1947?
23. What was the ‘official declaration’ of the Cold War according to this documentary?

**The Cold War Documentary: Chapter Three *‘Marshall Plan’***

1. Why were the US worried about western Europe?
2. What was Truman’s spark for announcing his doctrine?
3. Why was Communism appealing in Europe?
4. What was Marshall convinced about Stalin’s motives?
5. What were the differences over Germany?
6. Why did Bevin support the Marshall Plan?
7. What did Stalin think about the Plan?
8. What did Soviet intelligence uncover?
9. Were the US using it as an anti-Communist crusade?
10. How did the Czech government react to the plan?
11. What did Stalin do to the Czechs?
12. What did Stalin do in response to the events?
13. What did COMECON do?
14. What happened in Czechoslovakia in 1948?
15. What did the Czech crisis do to the US Congress?
16. How much aid was given?
17. How was it structured?
18. Why were some people in Western Europe relatively ungrateful?
19. How did the Marshall Plan help Greece?
20. What happened in France in 1947?
21. Why did Yugoslavia and the USSR split?
22. What did Tito do?
23. What was going on in Italy at the time?
24. How was Communism prevented in Italy?
25. What did the Marshall Plan create in the East?

**The Cold War Documentary: Chapter Five *Korea 1950-53***

1. What happened to Korea during WWII?
2. What had the USA and USSR agreed to do?
3. Who did the US put in charge of South Korea?
4. Who did the USSR put in charge of North Korea?
5. Why was the end of 1949 a new picture for the USA? What did this mean for Korea?
6. What was the reaction of the US to the North Korean invasion?
7. Why were the US able to vote for a military response from the UN?
8. Who was put in charge of the UN force?
9. What did US soldiers believe about the conflict?
10. Why was it not as simple?
11. What was the US plan?
12. How many civilians were killed in the cross-fire?
13. What became the new aim?
14. Who did this scare and why?
15. What happened while MacArthur and Truman were talking?
16. How did this affect UN forces?
17. What caused alarm?
18. Why did the Soviets believe that the US would not use the A-Bomb?
19. What was the Soviet involvement?
20. What did MacArthur call for and how did Truman react?
21. What happened by 1951?
22. How was the Korean War reported in the USA?
23. How did Japan benefit?
24. What had the US done to North Korea?
25. How did the war affect civilians?
26. What happened to Truman because of the War?
27. Why did Soviet policy change?
28. Who was the only person opposed to the truce?
29. Why was the Korean War ultimately a defeat for Communism?
30. What is the situation in Korea today?

**The Cold War Documentary: Chapter Six *Reds 1949-53***

1. Do you think that anti-Communism in America was genuinely ‘ideological’?
2. Do you think that this situation was an affront to what the US was supposed to be fighting for?
3. What happened to scare the US even more (two events)?
4. What did the Chinese revolution result in?
5. What did Truman think had started to happen in the US?
6. What was ironic about the Communist ‘witch-hunts’?
7. What happened to McCarthy?
8. How was the situation in the USSR different?
9. What did US propaganda focus on?
10. What did they do as well as making films?
11. How did the Yugoslavian split affect the rest of the Eastern Bloc?
12. How did Stalin discipline his satellite states?
13. Were the trials worse than McCarthy’s?
14. What kind of things were also going on within the Soviet Union itself?
15. Who did Stalin turn to attacking as his final target?
16. What was this probably more to do with?
17. Why did Stalin’s death bring fear rather than celebration?

**The Cold War Documentary: Chapter Seven *After Stalin 1953-56***

1. Why was Stalin’s death so dreadful for the people?
2. What emerged as leadership after Stalin?
3. What was the Western response?
4. What was President Eisenhower and Secretary of States Dulles’ pledge?
5. What did Ulbricht do after Stalin’s death?
6. What was the result for East Germans?
7. What did ordinary East Germans do to avoid this?
8. What was the response of the new leaders in Moscow?
9. What happened on 17th June 1953 in East Germany?
10. What was the eventual Russian response?
11. Why did the West not react?
12. What was the leader of West Germany interested in? What was the Soviet response?
13. How did the USSR try to reduce tension in Europe?
14. Who came out on top of the power struggle in the Communist party in the USSR?
15. What did Khrushchev try to do with Yugoslavia and Tito?
16. What were his policies in the USSR?
17. What was in his ‘Secret Speech’? Why was it controversial?
18. How did the US exploit it?
19. How did it affect Poland?
20. Who did some Polish Communists turn to?
21. What was Khrushchev’s response and who won the argument?
22. Why was Hungary another problem for the USSR?
23. Why did the people want Nagy?
24. What did Hungarians demand?
25. How was the situation different to Poland?
26. What did the West think had happened?
27. How did the British and French damage the prospects of anti-Communism?
28. How did the Hungarians damage their own prospects for victory?
29. What was Nagy’s final gamble?
30. When the Soviets went in to restore order what did they fear?
31. Why were Nagy’s calls for help ignored?
32. What was the end result?