

## **Cold War – order of significant events 1943-1972**

<b>1943</b>	<b>Tehran Conference</b>
<b>1944 - 1945</b>	<b>Soviet troops liberate Eastern Europe and remain in the countries</b>
<b>Feb 1945</b>	<b>Yalta Conference</b>
<b>May 1945</b>	<b>Germany's unconditional surrender</b>
<b>July-Aug 1945</b>	<b>Potsdam Conference</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>USA drop atomic bombs on Japan</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>Germany and Berlin divided into 4 sections (UK, USA, USSR and France)</b>
<b>1946</b>	<b>Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech</b>
<b>1947</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truman Doctrine</li> <li>• Marshall Plan</li> <li>• Creation of Cominform</li> </ul>
<b>June 1948 – May 1949</b>	<b>Berlin Blockade and the Berlin Airlift</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>Soviet Union has the atomic bomb</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>Creation of West Germany and East Germany</b>
<b>1949</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of NATO</li> <li>• Formation of Comecon</li> </ul>
<b>1950 - 1953</b>	<b>Korean War</b>
<b>1952</b>	<b>USA develops the H Bomb</b>
<b>1953</b>	<b>USSR develops its own H Bomb</b>
<b>1953</b>	<b>Stalin dies – replaced by Khrushchev</b>
<b>1955</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Germany joins NATO</li> <li>• Formation of the Warsaw Pact</li> </ul>
<b>June 1956</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hungarian leader Rakosi forced to resign</li> <li>• Replaced by Gero and then Nagy</li> </ul>
<b>1 Nov 1956</b>	<b>Nagy declares Hungary will be a neutral country and will pull out of the Warsaw Pact</b>
<b>3 Nov 1956</b>	<b>Soviet troops enter Hungary</b>
<b>Nov 1956</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kadar (backed by the USSR) replaces Nagy as Hungarian leader</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagy executed</li> </ul>
1956	Khrushchev makes his “secret speech” and introduces some reforms = start of the thaw
1957	Launch of Sputnik
Nov 1958	Khrushchev gives an ultimatum over Berlin (all Western powers must leave in 6 months)
1959	Khrushchev visits USA and agrees to meet again May 1960
1960	U-2 Spy plane shot down
May 1960	Paris Summit – no agreement reached
Jan 1961	New US President John F. Kennedy
April 1961	Bay of Pigs invasion
August 1961	Berlin Wall constructed
1962	Cuban Missile Crisis (see detail below)
1963	Installation of the hot line
1963	Test Ban treaty signed by the Soviet Union, USA and UK
1963	“Ich Bin Ein Berliner” speech by Kennedy
1963	Kennedy assassinated – replaced by Johnson
1964	Brezhnev replaces Khrushchev as leader of the Soviet Union
1964	Khrushchev’s reforms are cancelled and the thaw ends
1965 - 1973	Vietnam War
1967	Signed the Outer Space Treaty
1968	The Non-Proliferation Treaty
1968	Prague Spring / Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia
Nov 1968	Nixon is elected
May 1972	SALT 1 Agreement signed
1972	Nixon visits China

## Cuban Missile Crisis Detail 1962

<b>14 October</b>	<b>US Spy plane takes photos of missile sites in Cuba</b>
<b>16-20 October</b>	<b>President Kennedy creates ExComm to advise him – outcome split between wanting military action or diplomatic pressure</b>
<b>21 October</b>	<b>ExComm agree to quarantine Cuba (US ships enforce a blockade which technically is an act of war)</b>
<b>22 October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>US goes to Defcon 3 and Kennedy goes on TV to tell public what is happening</b></li> <li>• <b>Khrushchev convinced that US will invade Cuba</b></li> </ul>
<b>23 October</b>	<b>Fleet of Soviet ships carrying missiles approaches Cuba</b>
<b>24 October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN calls on both sides to compromise</b></li> <li>• <b>Khrushchev orders Soviet ships to stop</b></li> <li>• <b>US goes to Defcon 2</b></li> </ul>
<b>25 October</b>	<b>US warships stop a Soviet ship but it was carrying oil – they let it through</b>
<b>26 October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>120 000 US troops assemble in Florida, invasion looks likely</b></li> <li>• <b>Kennedy receives a letter from Khrushchev saying he will remove the missiles from Cuba if he promises not to invade Cuba</b></li> </ul>
<b>27 October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cuban forces shoot down US Spy plane</b></li> <li>• <b>Khrushchev sends another letter to Kennedy repeating the offer but adding that the US must remove their missiles from Turkey</b></li> <li>• <b>Kennedy accepts the offer but insists the bit about Turkey must remain a secret</b></li> </ul>
<b>28 October</b>	<b>Khrushchev announces the Soviet Union will remove their missiles from Cuba to protect world peace</b>

## **Korean War 1950 - 1953**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End of WWII – Korea is divided along the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel line</li><li>• North Korea is communist and South Korea is anti-communist</li></ul>
<b>1950</b>	<b>Fighting breaks out</b>
<b>By September 1950</b>	<b>Most of South Korea is now under communist control</b>
<b>September 1950</b>	<b>UN forces storm ashore at Inchon</b>
<b>By October 1950</b>	<b>US forces go past the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel and reach border with China</b>
<b>Late October 1950</b>	<b>Chinese troops arrive to help North Korea and push the UN forces back into South Korea</b>
<b>Middle 1951</b>	<b>Fighting reaches a stalemate around the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel</b>
<b>July 1953</b>	<b>Armistice is signed</b>

## **US Presidents and Soviet Leaders during 1942-1972**

<b>1924 - 1953</b>	<b>Stalin is Leader of the Soviet Union</b>
<b>1945 - 1953</b>	<b>Truman is US President</b>
<b>1953 - 1961</b>	<b>Eisenhower is US President</b>
<b>1953 - 1964</b>	<b>Krushchev is Leader of the Soviet Union</b>
<b>1961 - 1963</b>	<b>Kennedy is US President</b>
<b>1963 - 1969</b>	<b>Johnson is US President</b>
<b>1964 - 1982</b>	<b>Brezhnev is Leader of the Soviet Union</b>
<b>1969 - 1974</b>	<b>Nixon is US President</b>