**Superpower relations and the Cold War**

**1941 - 1991**

**Personal Learning Checklist**

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**Key Topic 1: The origins of the Cold War 1941 - 1958**

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| **Content** | **Notes** | **Red**  **Insecure** | **Amber**  **Partly** | **Green**  **Secure** | **What I need to do before the exam.** |
| **Early tensions between East and West**   * **The Grand Alliance** * **Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam** * **Ideological differences between Stalin, Truman and Churchill** * **Impact of the Atom Bomb on relations** * **Long and Novikov telegrams** * **Creation of satellite states in Eastern Europe** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The development of the Cold War**   * **Significance of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan** * **Significance of Cominform, Comecon, and NATO** * **Berlin – blockade and airlift** * **Formation of the FDR and GDR** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Th Cold War intensifies**   * + - **The significance of the arms race and the formation of the Warsaw Pact**     - **The events of 1956 – leading up to the Hungarian Uprising, and Khrushchev’s response**     - **World reaction to the Soviet invasion of Hungary.** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Key Topic 2: Cold War crises 1958 - 1970**

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| **Increased tensions between East and West**   * **The refugee problem in Berlin** * **Khrushchev’s Berlin’s ultimatum – 1958** * **The summit meetings of 1959 - 1961** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cold War crises**   * **The construction of the Berlin Wall, 1961** * **The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis** * **The Brezhnez Doctrine and the re-establishment of Soviet control in Czechoslovakia** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Reaction to the crises**   * **Construction the Berlin Wall, 1961 and its impact on US-SU relations. Kennedy’s visit to Berlin in 1963.** * **The consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis** * **The Hotline** * **Limited Test Ban Treaty 1963** * **The Outer Space Treaty 1967** * **The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968** * **International reaction to Soviet measure in Czechoslovakia.** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Key Topic 3: The end of the Cold War – 1970 - 1991**

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| **Attempts to reduce tension between East and West**   * **Detent in the 1970s** * **SALT1** * **Helsinki** * **SALT2** * **The significance of Reagan and Gorbachev’s changing attitudes** * **Gorbachev’s new thinking and the INF Treaty of 1987** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Flashpoints**   * **The significance of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Carter Doctrine and the Olympic boycotts** * **Reagan and the Second Cold War. The Strategic Defence Initiative** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The collapse of Soviet control of Eastern Europe**   * **The impact of Gorbachev’s new thinking on Eastern Europe – the loosening Soviet grip on Eastern Europe** * **The significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall** * **The collapse of the Soviet Union and its significance in bringing about the end of the Warsaw Pact.** |  |  |  |  |  |