



# The Cold War

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The Cold War began shortly after the end of World War II and continued until the Soviet Union was disbanded in 1991. It was a period of very intense international relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, with both countries competing for political, economic, and military influence.

**DIRECTIONS:** Spend 15 minutes researching the major aspects of the Cold War. What did you find out?

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Choose one of those aspects that seems the most interesting to you and conduct some additional research about it. Take notes, and record your sources.

What additional questions has your research generated? Conduct additional research to find the answers.

Based upon your research, take a position on the question, "Was the Cold War more advantageous for the U.S. or for the Soviet Union?" and write an essay that supports your position. Be sure to properly cite your sources.