

Chapter 31 Notes

Determining cause and effect: As you read, create a chart like the one below listing US actions and the Soviet response to them.

Marshall Plan – COMECON

Unification of West Germany- Blockade of West Berlin

Formation of NATO – Warsaw Pact

What was the goal of the Marshall Plan?

The goal was to prevent the spread of communism by giving money to help European countries to rebuild after the war.

What did the Marshall Plan and COMECON have in common?

The Marshall Plan of the US and COMECON of the Soviet Union provided economic assistance to war-torn countries.

What were the effects of the Berlin Airlift?

The Berlin airlift helped keep 2.5 million people alive and caused the Soviets to lift their blockade.

What was the significance of the Sputnik launch?

Sputnik I made Americans fear that the US was militarily inferior to the Soviet Union.

How were the theory of deterrence and the arms race related?

The theory of deterrence called for increasing the arsenal, which spurred the arms race between the US and the Soviet Union.

Lesson 2

Categorizing- As you read, use a chart like the one below to list communism's effects on China's international affairs.

Communism → Signed a pact of friendship and cooperation with the Soviets; Sent troops to North Korea; Isolated from major western powers.

What one word would you use to describe the Little Red Book during the Cultural Revolution? Why?

Why was agricultural reform particularly important to the Chinese Communists?

Chinese leaders thought collective farms would produce more food and enable more people to work in industry.

Why did the Red Guards specifically target intellectuals and artists?

They were seen as the elite and as pro-Western. They were viewed as not being supportive of a classless society.

What was the significance of Nixon's "ping pong diplomacy"?

The ping pong games were a symbol of the improving US-China relations after Nixon's visit to China.

Why did Chinese-Soviet relations change after the Korean War?

As China became more dependent on the Soviet Union, their relationship began to decline. The Chinese were disappointed with Soviet economic and military aid.

Lesson 3

Categorizing- As you read, use a chart like the one below to list the different proxy wars fought by the US and the Soviet Union.

Proxy Wars- Korean War; Bay of Pigs; Vietnam War

What did NATO, SEATO, and CENTO have in common?

All three were formed by the US to stop or prevent Soviet and Communist expansion and aggression.

What effects did the Korean War have on US foreign policy in the mid-1950s?

Eisenhower started a policy of massive retaliation against the Soviet Union and formed US military alliances with other countries.

How was the Cuban missile crisis resolved?

Khrushchev agreed to remove Soviet missiles from Cuba if the US agreed not to invade Cuba. Kennedy agreed.

Why is the Vietnam War sometimes understood as a proxy war?

The US and the Soviet Union took opposing sides in the Vietnamese conflict.