

## Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-91 – RAG Overview

Section	Detail	Notes completed?	RAG understanding	Assessments
<b>Key Topic 1: Origins of the Cold War, 1941-58</b>				Assessments
1.1 Early tensions between East & West	The outcomes of Tehran conference			
	The outcomes of Yalta conference			
	The outcomes of Potsdam conference			
	The ideological differences between the superpowers			
	Attitude of Truman, Churchill & Stalin			
	The impact on US-Soviet relations of the atomic bomb			
	The Long and Novikov telegrams – what and impact			
	Creation of Soviet satellite states in Eastern Europe + impact			
1.2 Development of the Cold War	<b>The Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan</b>			Assess 1: Berlin Crisis
	<b>Dollar Imperialism - The formation of Cominform &amp; Comecon</b>			
	<b>Berlin Crisis – Germany divided</b>			
	<b>Berlin Blockade - events</b>			
	<b>Operation Vittles - Berlin Airlift</b>			
	<b>Formation of East &amp; West Germany</b>			
	<b>Creation NATO &amp; Warsaw Pact</b>			
1.3 Cold War intensifies	The arms race – flow diagram			Assess 2: Hungary
	Hungarian Uprising – causes			
	Khrushchev's response to the uprising			
	Hungarian Uprising – impact on international relations			
<b>Key Topic 2: Cold War crises, 1958-70</b>				
2.1 Berlin Wall, 1958-63	<b>Berlin Wall –causes, refugee problem &amp; Khrushchev's ultimatum</b>			
	<b>The summit meetings 59-61 &amp; U2 incident</b>			
	<b>Building of the Berlin Wall and impact/consequences</b>			
2.2 Cuban Missile Crisis	The Cuban Revolution			Assess 3: CMC
	The Bay of Pigs incident			
	Cuban Missile Crisis – 13 days			
	Cuban Missile Crisis – impact/consequences			
2.3 Czechoslovakia, 1968-69	<b>Opposition to Soviet control and the 'Prague Spring'</b>			Assess 4: Czechosl.
	<b>The Soviet reaction &amp; Brezhnev Doctrine</b>			
	<b>Impact of 'Prague Spring' on relations in the East and with the USA</b>			
<b>Key Topic 3: End of the Cold War, 1970-91</b>				
3.1 Attempts to reduce tensions, 1969-79	Détente			
	SALT 1			
	Helsinki Accords, 1975			
	SALT 2			
3.2 Flashpoints in superpower relations, 1979-84	<b>The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan – causes</b>			
	<b>Impact of Afghan war on USA-Soviet relations</b>			
	<b>The Olympic boycotts</b>			
	<b>Reagan's reaction – 'Second Cold War'</b>			
	<b>Strategic Defense Initiative – Star Wars</b>			
3.3 Collapse of the Soviet control of Eastern Europe, 1985-91	Gorbachev's new thinking & Reagan's response			Assess 5: Gorbachev
	The Summits, 1985-89			
	End of the Soviet hold on Eastern Europe			
	Significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall			
	End of the Warsaw Pact – impact on Communism			
	Gorbachev's fall from power			