

Year 6 History Summer 1

The Cold War



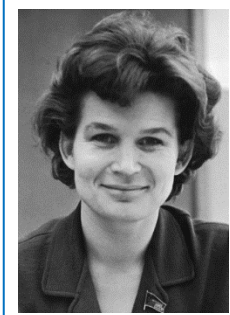
Important People



Vasili Arkhipov
Prevented the start of a nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis.



Yuri Gagarin
Soviet pilot and cosmonaut who became the first human to journey into outer space.



Valentina Tereshkova
Soviet cosmonaut and first woman into space, June 1963.



George Orwell
Famous writer; wrote Animal Farm and 1984.



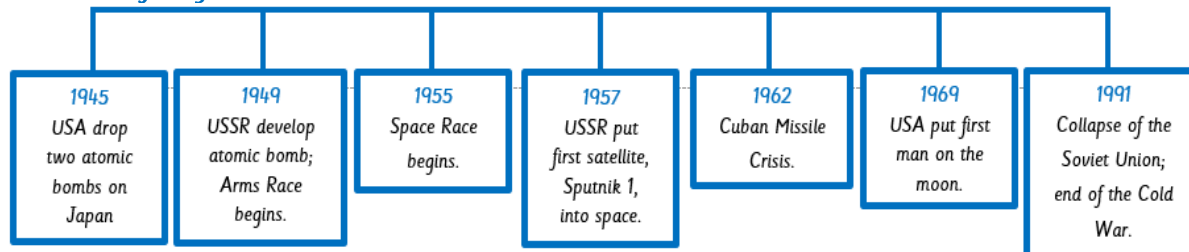
Neil Armstrong
American astronaut; first man to walk on the moon.



Katherine Johnson
Great mathematician who worked for NASA, enabling space flight.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
arms race	A race between hostile nations to accumulate or develop weapons.
astronaut	The American word for a person trained to go into space.
capitalism	A system where businesses are privately owned and run by people, rather than the government. Sometimes called "free market".
communism	A system where the government own and control almost everything; all people are supposed to be treated equally and cannot own land, factories or make their own money.
containment	The USA's policy to try to stop the spread of communism.
cosmonaut	Russian word for a person trained to go into space.
dictator	Government where absolute power is held by a single person or small group of people.
democracy	"Rule by the people" where they elect the government by voting.
expansionism	The belief that a country should grow larger.
hoax	A concept or idea that is not true.
ideology	A collection of ideas or beliefs shared by a group of people.
mutually assured destruction (MAD)	The theory that each superpower had enough nuclear weapons to destroy the other but that if they attack, the other side would retaliate, meaning both would be destroyed.
negotiation	Coming to an agreement through discussion.
nuclear weapon	A weapon that suddenly releases the energy in the nucleus of certain types of atoms.
proxy war	Wars fought between other countries where each superpower supported opposing sides.
superpower	An extremely powerful nation.

Timeline of Key Events



Proxy Wars

War	Period	USA took sides with	USSR took sides with
Korean War	1950 - 1953	South Korea	North Korea
Vietnam War	1955 - 1975	South Korea	North Korea