

The Cold War

► Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 116–117 in the Atlas. Read the introduction. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - a. The Cold War began after World War _____.
 - b. The opponents in the Cold War were the _____ and _____ nations of the world.
 - c. The two opposing superpowers during the Cold War were the _____ and _____.
 - d. The Cold War was mostly a _____ and _____ struggle.
 - e. The Cold War ended in 1991 with the break up of the _____.

★ Thinking About History

2. Look at pictures A and B and read their captions. Then answer the following questions.
 - a. Why was the Berlin Wall built? _____

 - b. What was the wall a symbol of?

 - c. Look at the writing on the sign in front of the wall. Why do you think English and then Russian are the first languages shown rather than German?

 - d. Why do you think nuclear testing above ground was eventually banned?

 - e. How do you think people around the world felt during the time when the Berlin Wall stood and nuclear weapons were being tested? _____

► Location

3. Use map C, "The Cold War Turns Hot," to fill in the blanks below with the conflicts or locations of regional wars that occurred on the continents listed.

- a. North America: _____, _____,
_____, and _____
- b. South America: _____
- c. Europe: _____
- d. Africa: _____, _____, and

- e. Asia: _____, _____,
_____, and _____

★ People and Their Environment

4. Use map D, "Nuclear Standoff," to answer the following questions.

- a. Who led the NATO alliance? _____
- b. Who led the Warsaw Pact? _____
- c. Where would missiles have flown over if one side had attacked the other?

- d. Which group had the advantage in terms of air base locations? Explain why.

★ History Through Maps

5. Use map E, "Europe Divided," to answer the following questions.

- a. What did the Iron Curtain represent?

- b. How long did the Iron Curtain separate Europe? _____
- c. Which communist countries were not part of the Warsaw Pact?
_____ and _____
- d. In which two countries were anti-communist uprisings crushed by Soviet
invasions? _____ and _____
- e. When did communist rule end in most of Europe? _____