

2025-2026 Reading List (TENTATIVE)

Social Studies

TOPIC: The Global Cold War and Its Fallout: From Yalta to Malta

PRIMARY READING SELECTION

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST

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SUPPLEMENTAL READING MATERIAL

Primary Sources and other Documents

- Churchill-Stalin Secret "Percentages" Agreement (1944)
https://www.jstor.org/stable/1862322?read-now=1&seq=6#page_scan_tab_contents
- Yalta Conference (1945)
<https://avalon.law.yale.edu/wwii/yalta.asp>
- Message from President Roosevelt to Chairman Stalin (1945)
<https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1945vo5/d161>
- Declaration of Independence of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (1945)
<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/24-world-war-ii/declaration-of-independence-of-the-democratic-republic-of-vietnam-1945/>
- Election Speech by Josef Stalin to the Supreme Soviet (1946)
<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/document/speech-before-meeting-of-voters-in-the-stalin-electoral-district/>
- "Long Telegram" by George Kennan (1946)
<https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/coldwar/documents/episode-1/kennan.htm>
- "Iron Curtain Speech" by Winston Churchill (1946)
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/churchill-iron.asp>
- "Novikov Telegram" (1946)
<https://www.personal.umd.umich.edu/~ppennock/doc-Novikov.htm>
- "Truman Doctrine" (1947)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/trudoc.asp
- "Marshall Plan Speech" by George Marshall (1947)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=3643
- Effect of Soviet Restrictions on the U.S. Position in Berlin, Intelligence Report (1948)
<https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/coldwar/documents/episode-4/02.pdf>
- CIA Weekly Summaries on the Berlin Blockade (1948)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=3628
- NATO Treaty (1949)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/nato.asp
- "Ich Bin Ein Berliner Speech" by John Kennedy (1963)
<https://www.jfklibrary.org/archives/other-resources/john-f-kennedy-speeches/berlin-w-germany-rudolph-wilde-platz-19630626>
- Gulf of Tonkin Incident (1964)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/tonkin-g.asp
- U.S. State Department Paper on Support for South Vietnam (1965)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=3640
- Brezhnev Doctrine (1968)
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/Mod/1968brezhnev.asp>
- Letter from Ho Chi Minh to President Johnson (1967)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=3641
- Letter from Czech Communists to Brezhnev concerning Prague Spring (1968)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/letter-czech-communist-politicians-brezhnev-requesting-soviet-intervention-prague-spring>
- Memorandum on U.S. Actions in Chile (1970)
<https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76vol6/d19>
- My Lai Massacre Report (1970)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=1171
- War Powers Act (1973)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=4064
- Report on Seizure of U.S. Embassy in Tehran (1979)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=1173
- Message on the Invasion of Afghanistan (1979)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/mess-age-soviet-ambassadors-invasion-afghanistan-attachme-nt-cpsu-politburo-decree-177>

- National Security Council Paper-68 (1950)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smrtID=3&psid=3630
- CIA Summaries on the Korean Conflict (1950)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smrtID=3&psid=3631
- “Declaration of Conscience” by Margaret Chase Smith (1950)
<https://www.americanvawp.com/reader/25-the-cold-war/senator-margaret-chase-smiths-declaration-of-conscience-1950/>
- Warsaw Security Pact (1955)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/warsaw.asp
- Krushchev’s Address to the 20th Party Congress (1956)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smrtID=3&psid=3634
- Zhou Enlai Discussion with Nehru Concerning Hungary (1956)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/cable-zhou-enlai-mao-zedong-and-central-committee-discussion-nehru-hungary-issue>
- Soviet Foreign Ministry Analysis of Third World Reaction to Hungary and Suez (1956)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/third-world-reaction-hungary-and-suez-1956-soviet-foreign-ministry-analysis>
- Speech at the Moscow Conference of Communist and Workers’ Parties by Mao Zedong (1957)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/excerpt-unedited-translation-mao-zedongs-speech-moscow-conference-communist-and-workers>
- The U-2 Incident (1960)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/u2.asp
- Farewell Address by Dwight Eisenhower (1961)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/eisenhoweroor.asp
- Arguments against the Bay of Pigs Invasion by Chester Bowles (1961)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smrtID=3&psid=1169
- Letter From Chairman Krushchev to President Kennedy (1962)
<https://microsites.ifklibrary.org/cmc/oct27/doc4.html>
- KGB Report on Indicators for a Surprise Nuclear Attack (1984)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/committee-state-security-kgb-indicators-recognize-adversarial-preparations-surprise>
- Mikhail Gorbachev speech to the UN (1988)
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/address-mikhail-gorbachev-un-general-assembly-session-excerpts>
- The CIA and Guatemala (1994)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smrtID=3&psid=1119

Cold War Confrontations

- Invasion of Afghanistan
- Angolan Civil War
- Berlin
- Cuba
- Prague Spring
- Hungarian Revolution
- Korean Conflict
- Suez Crisis
- Vietnam Conflict

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.britannica.com/encyclopedia.com>
<https://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>
<https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches>
<https://www.americanvawp.com/index.html>
<https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>
<https://www.history.com/>
<https://www.infoplease.com/>
<https://www.loc.gov/>
<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>
<https://www.ushistory.org/us/index.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/modsbook.asp>
<https://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject.menus/major.asp>
<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/>

USEFUL ADDITIONAL READINGS: TBA

KEY TERMS - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Individuals

Adenauer, Konrad
Allende, Salvador
Ames, Aldrich
Andropov, Yuri
Árbenz, Jacabo
Baruch, Bernard
Beria, Lavrenti
Bevin, Ernest
Blake, George
Brandt, Willy
Brezhnev, Leonid
Brynes, James F.
Castillo Armas, Carlos
Castro, Fidel
Ceașescu, Nicolae
Chang Kai-Shek
Chernenko, Konstantin
Churchill, Winston
Clay, Lucius D.
De Gaulle, Charles
Deng Xiaoping
Dobrynin, Anatoly
Dubček, Alexander
Dulles, Allen
Dulles, John Foster
Fuchs, Klaus
Georgiou, Costas
Gomułka, Władysław
Gorbachev, Mikhail
Gordievsky, Oleg
Gottwald, Klement
Gromyko, Andrei
Guevara, Ernesto
Ho Chi Minh
Honecker, Erich
Hoxa, Enver
Jaruzelski, Wojciech
Kennan, George
Khol, Helmut
Khrushchev, Nikita
Kim Il Sung
Kissenger, Henry
Kosygin, Aleksei

Le Duc Tho
LeMay, Curtis
Malenkov, Georgi
Mao Zedong
Margaret Thatcher
Marshall, George
Masaryk, Jan
Massie, Suzanne
McNamara, Robert
Mielke, Erich
Mier, Golda
Molotov, Vyacheslav
Mosaddegh, Mohammad
Nagy, Imre
Nasser, Gamal Abdel
Ngo Dinh Diem
Ngo Dinh Nhu
Nguyen Van Thieu
Nkrumah, Kwame
Ortega, Daniel
Pahlavi, Mohammad Reza
Penkovsky, Oleg
Petrov, Stanislav
Philby, Harold 'Kim'
Pinochet, Augusto
Reuter, Ernst
Rhee, Syngman
Roberto, Holden
Rosenberg, Julius and Ethel
Rusk, Dean
Sadat, Anwar al-
Sakharov, Andrei
Shevardnadze, Eduard
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr
Somoza Debayle, Anastasio
Stalin, Josef
Tereshkova, Valentina
Tito, Josip Broz
Ulbricht, Walter
Walesa, Lech
Yeltsin, Boris
Zhou Enlai

Related Terms

Angolan Civil War
Attack on Vilnius
Austrian neutrality (1955)
Balkan Pact (1953)
Baltic Way
Ban the Bomb Movement
Bandung Conference
Basic Treaty (1972)
Bay of Pigs Invasion
Berlin Blockade
Berlin Wall
Bert the turtle
Bikini Atoll
bomber gap
Brezhnev Doctrine
Brussels Defense Pact
Cambodian-Vietnamese War
Cambodian Coup (1970)
Cambridge spy ring
Castle Bravo
CENTO
Charter 77
Checkpoint Charlie/standoff 1961
Chilean coup (1973)
Church Committee
Comecon
Cominform
communism/democratic socialism/social democracy
containment policy
Cuban Missile Crisis
Cuban Revolution
Cultural Revolution
Czech coup (1948)
Derg
détente
Dien Bien Phu (1954)
domino theory
Downwinders
Dr. Strangelove
Dumbarton Oaks Conference
East Berlin Revolt 1953
East German/Prague Refugee Crisis
Eisenhower Doctrine
El Mozote Massacre
Eurocommunism
Euromissile Crisis
French Strikes of 1947
GATT
Geneva Accords (1954)
Geneva Summit (1985)
Gerboise Bleue (nuclear test)
German reunification/Treaty on the Final Settlement with Respect to Germany
glasnost
Great Leap Forward
Great Terror
Greek Civil War
Gulf of Tonkin Incident/Resolution
Hallstein Doctrine
Harmel Report
Helsinki Accords
Helsinki Watch Committees
Ho Chi Minh Trail
Hungarian Uprising (1956)
hydrogen bomb
ICBMs
INF Treaty
Iran-Contra Scandal
Iranian Crisis (1946)
Iranian coup (1953)
Iron Curtain
Islamic Revolution in Iran
Italian Election of 1948
KAL Flight 007
KGB
Kitchen Debate
Korean War
“launch on warning”
League for the Independence of Vietnam/Viet Minh
Laotian Civil War
London Poles
Lublin Committee
M.A.D.
Malta Summit (1989)
Marshall Plan
Mathias Rust flight (1987)
May 1968 Uprising (France)
mercenaries (Angola)
Military industrial complex
MIRVs
Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact
Morgenthau Plan
Moscow Summit (1988)
Moscow Treaty (1970)
Mujahedeen
My Lai Massacre
National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam/
Viet Cong

NATO	Stalinism
Nedelin Catastrophe	Stasi
Nicaraguan Civil War	Strategic Defense Initiative
Non-Proliferation Treaty	Suez Crisis
Non Aligned Movement	Taiwan Straits Crisis (First and Second)
Novocherkassk Massacre	Tbilisi Riots (1956)
Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (1963)	Tet Offensive
Ogaden War	The (Krushchev) Thaw
Open Skies proposal	<i>The Day After</i> (1983)
Operation Able Archer	Third World
Operation Blue Bat	Tiananmen Square Massacre (1989)
Operation Chrome Dome	Truman Doctrine
Operation Condor	Tsar Bomba
Operation Mongoose	U-2 Incident
Operation PBSuccess	US Invasion of Cambodia (1970)
Operation Rolling Thunder	USSR
Operation RYAN	Venona project
Operation Unthinkable	Vietnam War
Operation Urgent Fury	Vietnamization
Ostpolitik	War Powers Act
Palomares incident (1966)	Warsaw Pact
Paris Peace Accords (1973)	Warsaw uprising
Pentagon Papers	Yalta Conference
perestroika	Yom Kippur War
ping pong diplomacy	
Plevin Plan	
Pope John Paul II visit to Poland (1979)	
Potsdam Conference	
Poznań Riots (1956)	
Prague Spring	
PRC/ROC	
Project Nutmeg	
Radio Free Europe	
realpolitik	
Reykjavik summit	
SALT I and II	
Salvadoran Civil War	
Second Cold War	
Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance, and Mutual Assistance (1950)	
Sino-Soviet Border skirmishes (1969)	
Six-Day War	
Socialism with a Human Face	
Solidarity Movement	
Soviet bloc	
Soviet Coup attempt (1957)	
Soviet Coup attempt (1991)	
Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (1979)	
Space Race	
Speech of Hope	