

Origins of the Cold War



Berlin Crisis

- 1948 Stalin cuts off all Rail and road access to western Allies
 - Organizes Berlin Airlift
 - Millions of tons of food, medical supplies, materials flown into Berlin
 - Huge victory for Americans
 - Stalin eventually opens roads and railroads up again in 1949



“Iron Curtain”

- Winston Churchill Speech
 - March 5, 1946
- Warned of growing Soviet Threat
 - Soviets gaining control in Eastern Europe



Formation of Nato



– North Atlantic Treaty Organization

- Est 4th April, 1949

– Truman's Idea

– United Countries of North America and Europe against any attack

- Mutual Protection Pact

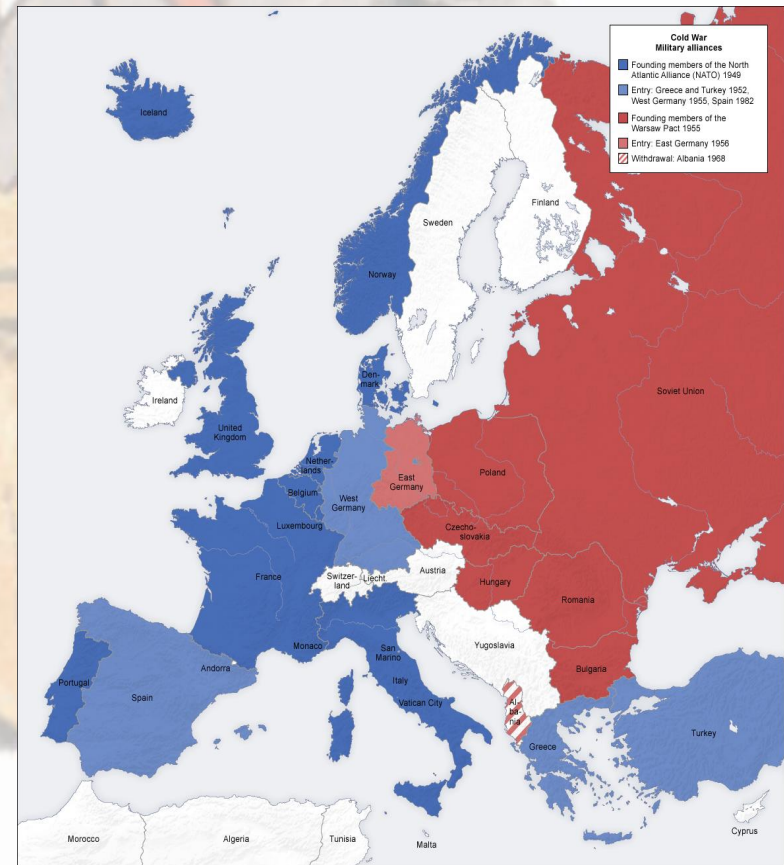
- USA
- UK
- France
- Italy
- Canada
- Netherlands
- Luxembourg
- Belgium
- Denmark
- Norway
- Iceland
- Portugal
- Greece (1952)
- Turkey (1952)
- West Germany (1955)

The Warsaw Pact

– Essentially created by Soviet Union and imposed on its satellite nations

- Mutual Protection Pact

- Albania
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- East Germany
- Hungary
- Poland
- Romania
- USSR



Arms Race



- 1949 – Soviet Union successfully tested first atomic bomb
- 1952 – Americans successfully test Hydrogen bomb
 - Soviets test first H-Bomb 1953
- Race to make more, and more powerful weapons
 - Developments in weapon delivery systems
 - ICBMs and Bombers
 - » First ICBM tested 11 June, 1957
- 2011 – est. 20,500 nuclear bombs

Space Race

– Necessity

- National Security
 - Satellites
 - Nuclear Domination
- Ideology
 - Governmental superiority
 - Technological Superiority

– *Sputnik 1*

- Oct 4, 1957

– **Yuri Gagarin**

- April 12, 1961

– Neil Armstrong

- July 20, 1969

– Apollo-Soyuz Test

- Joint Project between USA and USSR
 - Began easing tension between two sides

