Researching and Teaching the Cold War

You will research one key event in the Cold War and develop an unbelievably fantastic presentation for your classmates.

REQUIREMENTS

Your presentation must include:

- key quote(s) related to the event
- pictures, charts, maps, or other helpful visuals
- at least one video or political cartoon
- information that answers the research questions below

You are also required to produce a one-page note-taking guide to assist your classmates during your presentation.

ASSESSMENT

You will be graded on the quality of your:

- research (accuracy, depth)
- presentation (layout, clarity, design)
- public speaking (poise, focus, command of knowledge)
- note-taking sheet (completeness, clarity, organization)

GUIDING RESEARCH QUESTIONS

(These are to get you thinking. You do not need to answer all of these. However, you should answer all questions Mr. Scharf gives you during your group conference with him.)

- When did the event take place?
- Which countries were involved?
- What key people were involved?
- What led to this event? What key events occurred before it?
- What happened during this event?
- What was the reaction in the Soviet Union?
- What was the reaction in the United States?
- What reaction, if any, was there in other countries?
- How did this event affect the Cold War? How significant was it?
- How effectively did world leaders respond to this event?
- How, if in any way, could or should world leaders have responded differently?
- What were the lasting effects of this event?
- What lessons were learned as a result of this event?

KEY COLD WAR EVENTS

The Berlin Airlift
Mao’s Revolution
Formation of NATO & the Warsaw Pact
McCarthyism / The Red Scare
Korean War
Launch of Sputnik
Cuban Revolution

Creation of the Berlin Wall
Bay of Pigs Invasion
Cuban Missile Crisis
Vietnam War (Origins & outbreak)
Vietnam War (fighting & reaction at home)
Détente, Salt I, Salt II
Gorbachev, Reagan, the fall of the USSR