



THE KNOX SCHOOL

U.S. History 2020 Summer Assignment

Directions: This assignment is a continuation of the content we would have learned had school had not been cut short.

Due Date: First day of your U.S. History class.

The Cold War

Assignment 1:

Start by going to the website found here: <https://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history>

Using the website answer the questions below:

1. Why did US and USSR go from former allies to enemies after WWII?
2. Define Containment (In the context of the Cold War):
3. How did the “Atomic Age” add to tension between US and USSR? How do you imagine it would be like to live under the threat of nuclear war breaking out?

4. Define Atom Bomb:

5. Define "Space Race"

6. Why do you believe the Red Scare happened? Do you think something like the Red Scare has or could happen again? Why?

7. Define Détente:

8. What led to the end of the Cold War?

Assignment 2: Cold War Event

Go to the following website: <http://www.coldwar.org/index.asp>

When on the homepage you will see "Explore Timeline". Look at the major events of the Cold War and pick one. Research and answer the following questions about that event:

1. Describe what happened:

2. What is important about this event?

3. Did it increase or decrease world tension? How?