

## Reading Center

These activities will help you understand the Cold War and answer our essential questions:

1. What caused the Cold War?
2. How was the Cold War fought and what effects did it have on peoples of the world?
3. Is the world a better place after the ending of the Cold War?



### 1. Reading Newspapers

Read the major story for the following dates. Identify the main idea of each story. Write a concluding paragraph that sums up what you learnt from these reports.

### 2. Study the cartoons in the folder:

Choose any two and identify the main idea. What is the message of the cartoonist?

3. Read the short story and write a paragraph identifying the main idea. How did this story help you understand the Cold War and answer our essential questions?

4. Study the maps provided in the folder. What are they showing about the Cold War?

5. Read the first hand account of \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the main idea that the writer wants you to understand?

6. Read the analysis of the Cold War presented by \_\_\_\_\_. What is the argument that is presented? To what extent do you agree with the argument?

7. Read the two poems about the Vietnam War found on page 187-190 of *The Vietnam War*.

What are the main ideas that the two writers are conveying. How effective are they in getting their message across?