



The Cold War

Writing Activities

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. Read pp 210-212 of “As It Was Lived”. Re-write this material for a Grade 5 student. You should focus on the big ideas and use vocabulary that a Grade 5 student would understand.
2. Design a graphic organizer that will help your classmates understand the differences between communism and capitalism.
3. Write a position on the following topic:
“Nuclear weapons have made the world a safer place.”
See the folder to learn how to write a position paper.
4. Read the definitions found on page 232 and 283 of “As It Was Lived”. Write them in words that a Grade 5 student would understand.
5. Read “The World After World War II” p. 209 . Write a set of notes that would help a classmate understand the events and development described.
6. Select any three pictures from the folder and write a one sentence caption that sums up the main focus of each the picture. Also write a short paragraph explaining how the three pictures helped you understand the Cold War.