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Cold War Challenge

Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the letter of the correct answer. Think about what you've learned about the Cold War's major leaders, events, and policies that shaped the world after World War II.

- Which two superpowers were the main rivals during the Cold War?
 - Soviet Union and United States
 - United States and Japan
 - Germany and Great Britain
 - China and France
- What was the goal of the U.S. policy of **containment**?
 - To spread communism around the world
 - To isolate the United States from global conflicts
 - To end nuclear weapons programs
 - To stop the spread of communism
- The **Berlin Wall** was built to:
 - Keep Western spies out of East Berlin
 - Mark the border between the Soviet Union and Germany
 - Divide East and West Berlin and prevent escapes to the West
 - Protect Berlin from air attacks
- Which event brought the world closest to nuclear war?
 - The Berlin Airlift
 - The Cuban Missile Crisis
 - The Korean War
 - The Space Race
- What was the purpose of the **Marshall Plan**?
 - To rebuild the economies of Western Europe after World War II
 - To fund the arms race against the Soviet Union
 - To expand NATO into Asia
 - To encourage European countries to join the Warsaw Pact
- Who was the Soviet leader known for *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring)?
 - Joseph Stalin
 - Nikita Khrushchev
 - Mikhail Gorbachev
 - Leonid Brezhnev
- The **Space Race** was a competition mainly between:
 - The U.S. and China
 - The Soviet Union and Germany
 - The U.K. and France
 - The U.S. and the Soviet Union
- The **NATO alliance** was created to:
 - Defend member countries against Soviet threats
 - Promote trade between the U.S. and Europe
 - Establish peace in Asia
 - Replace the United Nations
- What event symbolized the end of the Cold War?
 - The creation of the Berlin Wall
 - The fall of the Berlin Wall
 - The Cuban Missile Crisis
 - The Korean War
- The term "**Iron Curtain**" was used to describe:
 - A physical wall dividing Europe
 - The division between democratic and communist nations in Europe
 - A trade barrier between the U.S. and USSR
 - The Soviet Union's steel industry