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## Cold War Vocabulary

**Directions:** Match each Cold War term to its correct definition by writing the letter of the definition next to the term. Think about how each concept connects to the rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union.

\_\_\_\_ 1. Containment

\_\_\_\_ 2. Deterrence

\_\_\_\_ 3. Mutually Assured Destruction

(MAD)

\_\_\_\_ 4. Iron Curtain

\_\_\_\_ 5. Arms Race

\_\_\_\_ 6. Space Race

\_\_\_\_ 7. Proxy War

\_\_\_\_ 8. Domino Theory

A. The belief that if one nation fell to communism, others nearby would follow like falling dominoes.

B. A conflict fought indirectly between major powers by supporting opposing sides in other nations.

C. A competition between the U.S. and the USSR to develop and stockpile powerful weapons.

D. The U.S. strategy to stop the spread of communism by supporting allies and resisting Soviet influence.

E. The political and physical division separating communist Eastern Europe and capitalist Western Europe.

F. The idea that building up nuclear weapons would discourage enemies from attacking.

G. The competition between the U.S. and the USSR to explore and dominate outer space.

H. The belief that both sides had enough nuclear weapons to destroy each other completely, preventing direct war.