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## Cold War Reality Check Answer Key

1. False - The U.S. and USSR never fought directly; their rivalry was ideological and indirect.
2. True - It stopped East Berliners from fleeing to democratic West Berlin.
3. True - The U.S. helped rebuild Western Europe's economy through this aid program.
4. False - NATO was formed by the U.S. and its allies; the USSR formed the Warsaw Pact.
5. True - The crisis in 1962 was the closest the two powers came to nuclear conflict.
6. True - Containment aimed to prevent communism from spreading beyond its existing borders.
7. True - The U.S. Apollo 11 mission achieved this in 1969.
8. False - The Warsaw Pact was the Eastern alliance led by the Soviet Union.
9. True - Both nations raced to create more powerful nuclear weapons.
10. True - Its fall in 1989 marked the collapse of communist control in Eastern Europe.

### Teacher's Guide

#### Tips for Differentiation:

- **For younger or struggling learners:** Read the statements aloud and discuss key words like "containment" or "alliance" before students respond.
- **For advanced learners:** Have students correct the false statements in full sentences.

#### Engagement Ideas:

- Play a "Cold War Truth Patrol" game where students move to different sides of the room for True or False.
- Use flashcards for quick review or pair-share discussions.

#### Extension Ideas:

- Have students create two of their own True or False questions to quiz classmates.
- Connect this activity to modern alliances or conflicts and discuss how Cold War legacies still influence today's world.