



Canada and the Cold War Players

Unit: Cold War 1945-1968

Lesson #2

Time: approximately 1 period (75 minutes)

Learning Goal: To understand the impact of the Cold War on the world and the lives of Canadians during 1945 -1968.

Resources: Atomic Café video, Power point presentation - Canada and the Cold War

Handouts: Atomic Café, Canada and the Cold War Players

Minds On

- Using the exit passes from yesterday, discuss with the class several of the student comments made regarding the impact the rivalry would have had on the lives of Canadians.
- Have the students in small groups brainstorm what is meant by “Cold” War. Post the students’ brainstorming around the room. Together as a class co-construct a definition of “Cold” war based on the student brainstorms. Discuss if the war was “cold”, what is meant by the term “hot spots”.

Action

- Using the power point created, show the students how the world was divided between East and West. Illustrate what countries were a part of NATO, NORAD, Warsaw Pact and the United Nations. Together as a class, students will complete the graphic organizer during the power point presentation. Discuss how these organizations are used today.
- Reflecting on yesterday's activity, discuss how this East vs. West division created suspicion amongst people. Illustrate the extent to which Americans and Canadians feared communism and the spread of communism. Link how these fears of a communist takeover led to the creation of more and powerful nuclear weapons.
- Watch scenes 5 and 10 from the Atomic Café video. Have the students complete a double entry journal based on the two selected scenes from the video.
- In pairs have the students share their reflections from the video.
- Referring back to yesterday's exit question, in pairs have students discuss how the fear of a nuclear war would impact the lives of Canadians.

Consolidation

Exit Slip: Why would this fear of a nuclear war bring Canada closer to United States?

Admit Slip – for homework student need to find a current event/issue that involves United Nations, NATO, NORAD