



Canada and the Cold War PowerPoint

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Slide 1: When was the Cold War?

- It started in 1945 when WWII ended and lasted until 1991 when the USSR dissolved.
- It divided the world into two sides: supporters of the US and supporters of the USSR

Slide 2: What was the Cold War?

- It was a period of hostility and tension between the USSR and the USA, but was not a “real” war (no declaration of war, no direct fighting, etc.)

Slide 3: Hot Spots

- Berlin Wall
- Space race
- Korean War
- Suez Canal Crisis
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Vietnam War

Slide 4: Canada’s Role in the Cold War

- Canada was allied with the United States and was very important for North American defence
- Canada was part of three defence organizations

Slide 5: United Nations

Main purpose of the UN:

- To preserve world peace
- To end poverty, disease and illiteracy
- To achieve basic human rights for all peoples
- UN is divided into the Security Council and the General Assembly

Slide 6: Security Council

- Responsible for keeping the peace
- Consists of 15 member countries including 5 permanent members (US, USSR, Britain, France and China) with veto power
- Has the power to restore peace by using military force provided by UN members

Slide 7: A Balance of Terror: NATO

- "An armed attack against one...shall be considered an attack against them all"
- All US allies in North America and Europe (first time Canadians entered into a military treaty)

Slide 8: A Balance of Terror: Warsaw Pact

- Soviets and allies in Eastern Europe (response to NATO)
- Two rival alliances faced each other with enough weapons to destroy the world several times over

Slide 9: A Balance of Terror: NORAD

- Alliance between Canada and the USA for joint protection of North America
- DEW line (Distant Early Warning) was a series of radar stations in Canada's far north

Slide 10: Canada as a Middle Power

- Canada's huge war effort had given it a voice as a middle power
- While not a superpower like the US or USSR, Canada played a key role in the world