



Canada's Involvement in the Cold War 1945 – 1968

Unit: Cold War 1945-1968

Lesson #3

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: Bogle, Don, Eugene D'Orazio and Don Quinlan. Canada, Continuity and Change A History of Canada Since 1914. Markham, Ontario: Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2006.

Fielding, John, and Rosemary Evans. Canada Our Century, Our Story. Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson Thomson Learning, 2001.

Handouts: Canada's Involvement in the Cold War 1945-1968

Minds On

Using the admit slip from yesterday, have the students in groups of four share the current event/issue that they brought in on the UN, NATO or NORAD.

Once students have shared their events, discuss how active these groups have been and still are in our world today.

Action

Use a jigsaw to investigate Canada's involvement in the Cold War 1945 - 1968. Divide the class up into groups. Expert groups will choose an event to investigate, summarize and analyse – the Korean War, the Suez Canal Crisis, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Bomarc Missiles, Avro Arrow and the Vietnam War. Use the following resources and page numbers.

Canada Continuity and Change – Korean War page 226, Cuban Missile Crisis page 422, Bomarc Missiles page 233, Avro Arrow page 232

Canada Our Century, Our Story – Suez Canal Crisis page 276 and Vietnam War page 279

In “home” groups, students will analyse the information using the following guided questions from the teacher.

- Which events highlight Canada's role as a middle power?
- Which events increased American dominance over Canada?
- Which events positively/negatively impacted Canada's international reputation?
- Was this more for NATO or NORAD or UN?

Consolidation

Exit Slip: Based on the events during the Cold War, assess whether you think the actions taken by the Canadian were helped or hurt Canada's international reputation.