Post-War Era

ACTIVITIES PACKAGE:
THE WORLD AFTER THE WAR

LEARNING GOALS:

- To understand the conditions in post-war Europe.
- To understand the development of the Cold War.
- To analyze the impact of a potential nuclear war on the lives of Canadians.

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By September 2, 1945 World War Two finally came to an end. In it's path over 50 million people lost their lives while many others who survived would forever be plagued by its memories. There was hope for a new more peaceful world, but still uncertainty remained in the form of the "Cold War."

Activity 1: New Conflict

Using your text, or the internet, complete the tasks listed below.

1. What was the "Cold War"?

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2. Research the key facts of the Cold War below.

Key Facts of the Cold War	
Duration of the Event	
Two Competing Nations	Vs.
Two Competing Ideologies	Vs

3. Both sides embarked on a nuclear arms race. Out of this race came the policy of Mutually Assured Destruction (M.A.D.)? Explain the meaning of this policy and how it actually deterred nuclear war.

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4. An alliance system soon developed involving much of the world. Define the "worlds" below.

1st World: All nations allied with the _____.

2nd World: All nations allied with the _____.

3rd World: Unaffiliated nations.

5. How have these "worlds" been redefined in our present world? (Hint: Relates to "development")

1st World Nations are now known as _____.

2nd World Nations are now known as _____.

3rd World Nations are now known as _____.

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Activity 2: Rebuilding

View the map animation listed below and complete each of the tasks.

Login Information

Website: the-map-as-history.com

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Instructions

- Using the login information to the left click on the section, "Europe and Nations from 1945 to the present."
- Watch the following animated maps and answer the questions below:

⇒ Europe at the End of the War

1. On the map below identify 3 major changes to the map of Europe following WW II.

2. Identify 5 major events or developments in Europe following WW II.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

3. After watching the map animation, answer the "true or false" statements below.

Question	True or False?
The Soviet Union lost territory as a result of the treaties.	
Several million Germans were forced to return to Germany from nearby countries.	
The Yalta Conference determined how the new Europe would be structured.	
There was tension between ethnic minorities in the new Europe.	
The world's only superpower after the war was the USA.	

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Activity 3: Satellites

Follow the instructions listed below and complete the mapping activity.

Historical Context:

- After the Battle of Stalingrad the Russians began to force the Germans into retreat. Soon the Germans were on the run all the way back to Berlin with the Russians in pursuit. Once the Germans were defeated the countries that the Russians had "liberated" came under their control. Russian then installed communist leaders in each of these countries. Although technically independent, these countries were really under Russian influence and became known as "Soviet Satellite States."

Instructions:

- Search the following phrase, "Soviet Expansion in Europe BBC." The first link will provide you with a map of Europe at the beginning of the Cold War. Complete the tasks below:
  - Shade in the Soviet Union
  - Shade in all the Soviet Satellite Countries (Different colour)
  - Draw in the Iron curtain with a prominent colour

Post WW II Eastern Europe

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Activity 4: Germany

View the map animation listed below and complete each of the tasks.

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Password:

Instructions

- Using the login information to the left click on the section, "Europe and Nations from 1945 to the Present."
- Watch the following animated maps and answer the questions below:

⇒ Occupied Germany and Divided Germany

Germany (1945)

1. Immediately after the war Germany was divided into four zones. Label who controlled these zones on the map to the left.

2. Which zone was Berlin within? How was Berlin divided? Explain or draw.

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3. By 1949 the Allied zones of Germany had been merged, whereas the Soviet zone remained separate. However, new names were given to both - label them on the map to the right.

4. On the chart below briefly detail the key facts for each country.

West Germany	East Germany
Official Name:	Official Name:
Influenced by: USA or Soviets	Influenced by: USA or Soviets
Political System: Democracy or Communism	Political System: Democracy or Communism

West and East Germany (1949)

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Activity 5: Events

Using the internet, or your text, research the following events/terms and describe them in your own words.

Context:

- Each of the events/terms below connect with the early stages of the Cold War. It is essential that you gain a solid understanding of each before continuing with the rest of the unit.

Event	Description
San Francisco Conference	
Gouzenko Affair	
Marshall Plan	
NATO	
Warsaw Pact	
NORAD	

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Activity 6: Korea

View the map animation listed below and complete each of the tasks.

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Instructions

- Using the login information to the left click on the section, "The Cold War."
- Watch the following animated maps and answer the questions below:

⇒ Korean War (1950—1953)

1. Why was the Korean War considered a part of the Cold War?

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2. On the flow chart below detail the basic sequence of events that transpired during the War.

3. Canada was a part of the United Nations led force that pushed back the North Koreans. Explain the important contribution Canadian soldiers made during the war. (eg. Famous battle, deaths etc.)

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Suggested Websites

canadahistory.com
warmuseum.ca

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Activity 7: Attacked!

Read the context information below and complete each of the tasks.

Historical Context:

- As the nuclear arsenals of the USA and USSR increased the fear of nuclear war grew. People lived with the fear of a nuclear attack and made appropriate arrangements such as stockpiling food or even building a bomb shelter in their basement. Schools developed "bomb attack" protocols just like a fire drill and governments gave recommendations to civilians on what to do in the event of a nuclear attack. Both sides (USA and USSR) had nuclear missiles pointing at major cities.

Online Resource

Website: nuclearsecrecy.com/nukemap

Instructions

- Go to the website listed to the left.
- Set your home as the location.
- Choose a USSR bomb and press "Detonate."
- On the map below create several circles around the epicentre and explain what would be the effects within each radius.

Radius	Summary of Effects

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