## Cold War Timeline

* 1945 – US drops atomic bombs on Japan; Ho Chi Minh forms the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; People’s Republic of Korea established
* 1947 – Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan
* 1948 – Berlin blockade and Berlin airlift begin; communists take power in Czechoslovakia
* 1949 – NATO established; USSR explodes first “A” bomb; Mao Zedong establishes the People’s Republic of China
* 1950 – McCarthyism begins; Sino-Soviet Treaty signed; Korean War begins
* 1952 – US successfully tests the hydrogen bomb
* 1953 – USSR explodes first hydrogen bomb; Stalin dies; Korean War ends
* 1954 – Geneva Conference (Accords)
* 1955 – Warsaw Pact
* 1956 – Hungarian Revolution
* 1957 – Space race begins with the launching of Sputnik
* 1959 – Cuban Revolution
* 1960 – U-2 reconnaissance (spy) plane incident; USSR sends aid to Patrice Lumumba (Prime Minister of Democratic Republic of the Congo)
* 1961 – Bay of Pigs invasion; Berlin Wall construction begins
* 1962 – Cuban Missile Crisis
* 1963 – Partial nuclear test ban treaty signed (USSR, US, and Britain)
* 1965 – First US combat forces land in Vietnam
* 1967 – Worldwide demonstrations against the Vietnam War take place
* 1968 – USSR invades Czechoslovakia
* 1969 – Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) begin; Ho Chi Minh dies; Nixon announces withdrawal of US forces from Vietnam
* 1972 – Nixon visits China and the Soviet Union
* 1973 – Yom Kippur War
* 1975 – Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) falls to the North Vietnamese
* 1978 – Vietnam invades Cambodia
* 1979 – USSR invades Afghanistan; Sandinista revolutionaries take control of Nicaragua
* 1980 – US boycotts the 1980 Olympics
* 1981 – Reagan announces massive increases to US defense spending
* 1983 – US invades Grenada
* 1986 – Iran-Contra Affair exposed; Reykjavik Summit; Gorbachev institutes reforms (perestroika and glasnost)
* 1987 – Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty signed
* 1988 – USSR begins removing troops from Afghanistan
* 1989 – Berlin wall comes down
* 1991 – USSR dissolved