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A Cold World

Not too long ago, leaders in the world were very **cold** to each other. These leaders had some differences. Each side thought the other was wrong. Because of this, the Cold War developed.

Hot wars have soldiers, weapons, and battles. During a cold war, countries do not fight on battlefields. Instead, both sides store up weapons and threaten to use them. It is a contest to see who can be stronger. This is what happened in the world during the 1900s.

One side of the Cold War was fought by the West. This side included western nations like the United States, Great Britain, and France. On the other side were the Communists (KAHM-yuh-nistz). These leaders came from the Soviet Union, China, Korea, and Cuba.

The Cold War lasted from just after World War II to 1991. That's more than 40 long years! The leaders of these Cold War countries changed world history.



The United States and the Soviet Union built missiles that could travel from one country to another. These missiles could carry bombs.



The hammer and the sickle represented the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Symbols

The hammer and sickle (SIH-kuhl) were on the Soviet Union's flag. The hammer symbolized workers. The sickle stood for the farmers.

Who Are the Soviets?

A soviet is a workers' council. These councils ran factories and local governments. They joined together and replaced the Russian empire. They used the name Soviet Union to show how they came together.



The West (blue) faced the East (red) in the Cold War.