**Cold War Vocabulary**

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| **1. Cold War** |  | 1945-1991 continuing state of political conflict, military tension and economic competition existing after WWII between the USSR and the Western World |
| **2. containment** |  | American policy of resisting further expansion of communism around the world |
| **3. Detente** |  | A policy of reducing Cold War tensions that was adopted by the United States during the presidency of Richard Nixon. |
| **4. Deterrent** |  | something that restrains or discourages |
| **5. Domino Theory** |  | A theory that if one nation comes under Communist control, then neighboring nations will also come under Communist control. |
| **6. Iron Curtain** |  | After WWII, Winston Churchill coined the phrase to describe the division between free and Communist societies occurring in Europe |
| **7. Satellite nations** |  | Communist nations in Eastern Europe on friendly terms with the USSR and thought of as under the USSR's control |
| **8. Superpower** |  | Nations with enough military, political, and economic strength to influence events in many areas around the globe |
| **9. United Nations** |  | An international organization formed after WWII to promote international peace, security, and cooperation. |
| **10. Warsaw Pact** |  | An alliance between the Soviet Union and other Eastern European nations. This was in response to NATO. |