

CENTRAL IDEAS & KEY DETAILS

For use with "How the Russian Revolution Changed the World" on p. 16 of the magazine

***Organizing Ideas**

Tracking central ideas and key details can help you navigate the complexity of a nonfiction text. After reading "How the Russian Revolution Changed the World," fill in the blank sections below to provide a full picture of the information presented in the article.

U.S. fears that fueled the Cold War:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Events that occurred during the space race:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Key features of Russia under Putin:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

***ON YOUR OWN:** Given the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union/Russia presented in this article, do you believe that the two countries could or should ever become allies again, as they were during World War II? What would the benefits or drawbacks of an alliance be? Use evidence from the article to explain your position.

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QUIZ

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The Russian Revolution

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions. For the analysis section, refer to the article as needed.

CHECK COMPREHENSION

1. Before the Russian Revolution, Russia was ruled by

- a Communists known as Bolsheviks.
- b religious figureheads.
- c powerful rulers called czars.
- d an elected president and parliament.

2. During World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union

- a fought together to stop the spread of Communism.
- b joined forces despite their ideological differences.
- c both stockpiled huge arsenals of nuclear weapons.
- d supported opposing sides with weapons, money, and soldiers.

3. The Soviet Union was the first nation to

- a use a nuclear bomb in war.
- b send a human being into space.
- c land a human being on the moon.
- d all of the above

4. Based on the article, which statement about Russian President Vladimir Putin is accurate?

- a He once worked in the Soviet Union's spy agency.
- b He seized power in 2000 in a violent coup.
- c He has worked to guarantee free speech and other freedoms.
- d He calls himself a czar.

ANALYZE THE TEXT

5. In the article's third paragraph, the word *abdicate* most nearly means

- a to collapse.
- b to resign or to give up power.
- c to make a serious threat.
- d to denounce a rival.

6. Which excerpt from the article provides the best context clue to help you answer question 5?

- a "... in the early 1900s, peasants began to revolt."
- b "It was a defining event of the 20th century."
- c "... Russia's economy, military, and government collapsed under the pressures of World War I..."
- d "That created an opening for the charismatic Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin to seize power..."

7. Which choice accurately reflects the order of events?

- a World War II, Bolshevik Revolution, Cold War, Putin presidency
- b Cold War, World War II, Bolshevik Revolution, Putin presidency
- c Bolshevik Revolution, World War II, Cold War, Putin presidency
- d Cold War, Bolshevik Revolution, Putin presidency, World War II

8. At the end of the article, Sean Guillory's quote mainly has the effect of

- a hinting what the future could hold for Russia.
- b illustrating the complexity of Russia's government.
- c contrasting two world leaders.
- d conveying the strength of the Russian economy.

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

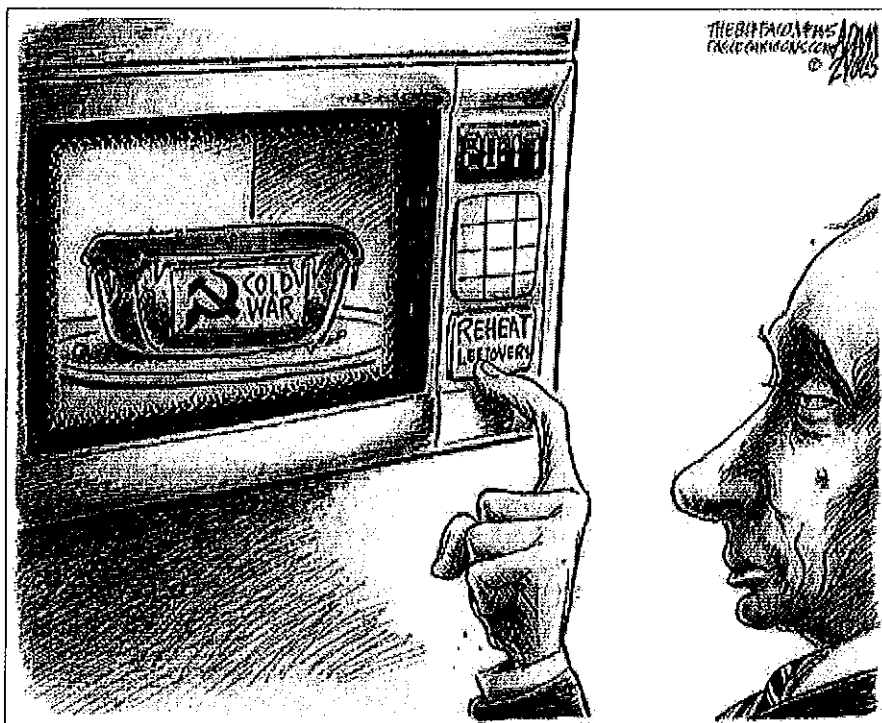
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9. How did the Cold War between the U.S. and Russia help pave the way for the emergence of the terrorist group al Qaeda?

10. Why do you think winning the space race was so important to Americans in the 1950s and '60s?

CARTOON ANALYSIS

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Analyze the Political Cartoon
(Cartoon appears on p. 16 of the magazine.)

1. Who is the man in the cartoon? Describe what's going on and what details you notice.
2. What is the symbol next to "Cold War" and what does it represent?
3. What point is the cartoonist trying to make?

ESSAY JUST BULLET POINTS FOR DISCUSSION. ~
How would you describe the current state of relations between Russia and the U.S.?
How does the current relationship compare with relations during the Cold War?