

## Study Plan The Cold War.

For Paper 2 you study:

### **Topic 5: The Cold War.**

This topic addresses East–West relations from 1945. It aims to promote an international perspective and understanding of the origins, course and effects of the Cold War—a conflict that dominated global affairs from the end of the Second World War to the early 1990s. It includes superpower rivalry and events in all areas affected by Cold War politics such as spheres of interest, wars (proxy), alliances and interference in developing countries.

#### **Major themes**

##### Origins of the Cold War.

- Ideological differences.
- Mutual suspicion and fear.
- From wartime allies to post-war enemies.

##### Nature of the Cold War

- Ideological opposition.
- Superpowers and spheres of influence.
- Alliances and diplomacy in the Cold War.

##### Development and impact of the Cold War.

- Global spread of the Cold War from its European origins.
- Cold War policies of containment, brinkmanship, peaceful coexistence, détente.
- Role of the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement.
- Role and significance of leaders.
- Arms race, proliferation and limitation.
- Social, cultural and economic impact.

##### End of the Cold War

- Break-up of Soviet Union: internal problems and external pressures.
- Breakdown of Soviet control over Central and Eastern Europe.

#### **Material for detailed study**

- Wartime conferences: Yalta and Potsdam
- US policies and developments in Europe: Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan, NATO
- Soviet policies, Sovietization of Eastern and Central Europe, COMECON, Warsaw Pact.
- Sino–Soviet relations.
- US–Chinese relations.
- Germany (especially Berlin (1945-61)), Congo (1960-64), Afghanistan (1979-88), Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, Middle East.
- Castro, Gorbachev, Kennedy, Mao, Reagan, Stalin, Truman.

## **For Paper 3 HL:**

### **9. The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe 1924 - 2000**

This section deals with the consolidation of the Soviet state from 1924 and the methods applied to ensure its survival, growth and expansion inside and outside the borders of the Soviet Union. Bolshevik rule under Lenin, the rise and nature of the rule of Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev and the policies and practice of Sovietization (post-1945) in Central and Eastern Europe are areas for examination. East–West relations post-1945 in relation to Soviet aims and leadership should also be considered.

- Stalin (1924-53): power struggle; collectivization and industrialization; Five Year Plans; constitution; cult of personality; purges; impact on society; foreign relations to 1941.
- The Great Patriotic War: breakdown of wartime alliance; Cold War; policies towards Germany: Berlin; Eastern European satellite states; Warsaw Pact.
- Khrushchev (1955-64): struggle for power after Stalin's death; destalinization; peaceful coexistence; domestic policies: economic and agricultural; foreign relations: Hungary, Berlin, Cuba, China.
- Brezhnev: domestic and foreign policies.
- Case study of one Sovietized/satellite state: establishment of Soviet control; the nature of the single-party state; domestic policies; opposition and dissent (suitable examples could be East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland but all relevant states are valid).
- Transformation of Soviet Union: political developments and change (1982-2000).

How to do this?

You have two books that you should work with, Bell "The World since 1945" and "20th Century World History - Course Companion".

On adjunkten.com I have linked to the excellent documentary series CNN Cold War, that can be a good recap after reading Bell.

Bell is for getting the details and "20th Century..." is for you to get a grip of what the IBO demands of you. One clever approach would be to read Bell first and then the Course Companion.

BEFORE each lesson you should read the pages in Bell and know the details, so we can spend the lesson answering questions and structure the issues in an IBO-fashion. I will also spend part of the lesson explaining complicated chains of events. You will get complementary material from me during the lessons.

Bell covers the minimum requirement of what you will need to know. For a higher grade you need to complement with more material, and that's where the lessons come in.

We introduce the 20 Questions and the Essays again.

V 40	28 sept The Fifties - Korean War EE First Draft. Bell p 104 - 114.	29 sept Korean War.	02 okt Hungary 56, including the sovietization of Eastern Europe. Bell p 89 - 91, 117 - 128.
V 41	05 okt <b>KU/LOV</b>	06 okt Hungary 56	09 okt Cuban Missile Crisis. Bell 142 - 148
V 42	12 okt Cuban Missile Crisis.	13 okt	16 okt
V 43	19 okt The Cold War recap 1953 - 1963.	20 okt The Cold War recap 1953 - 1963.	23 okt Internal Assesment Intro.
V 44	26 okt <b>LOV</b>	27 okt <b>LOV</b>	30 okt <b>LOV</b>
V 45	02 NOVEMBER Sino-Soviet relations Bell p 429 - 435. Hand in Cold War essay 1.	03 nov Cont Sino-Soviet rel. Political Cartoons	06 nov Prague 1968. Bell 279 - 282
V 46	09 nov Prague 1968	10 nov <b>D. Dag</b>	13 nov <b>D. Dag</b> IA
V 47	16 nov Vietnam Bell 272 - 286.	17 nov Vietnam.	20 nov Vietnam
V 48	23 nov Hand in EE Third World and non- alignment movement. Bell p 246 - 255.	24 nov Third World The Congo Crisis. Bell 235 - 238.	27 nov Dentente Bell p 267 - 330.
V 49	30 nov Dentente	01 DECEMBER Dentente	04 dec End of CW Bell p 325 - 371.
V 50	07 dec End of CW Hand in Cold War essay 2.	08 dec End of CW	11 dec End of CW
V 51	14 dec End of CW	15 dec End of CW	18 dec End of the autumn semester.

I would recommend two other books on the Cold War:

1. Gaddis, John Lewis. " The Cold War: a new history".
  - A more theoretic approach, should only be read after you have read Bell. A very good book for revision-studies.
2. Isaacs, J & Downing, T. "For forty-five years the world held its breath Cold War".
  - The authors behind the documentary series have written a book, a very good book that gives you the details what happened, and it has the same

structure as the videos. For those of you who find Bell to complicated.