

# Warm Up #4

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What country do you think is going to “win” the Cold War? Why?

# The Fall of the Soviet Union



FLT: I will be able to examine the decline in Cold War tensions and the fall of the Soviet Union.

## Destalinization

- ✘ Purging the country of Stalin's memory
- ✘ Completely change from the way Stalin ran the country



## Leonid Brezhnev

- ✘ Replaced Nikita Khrushchev
- ✘ Repressive domestic policies
- ✘ Limited basic rights and freedoms

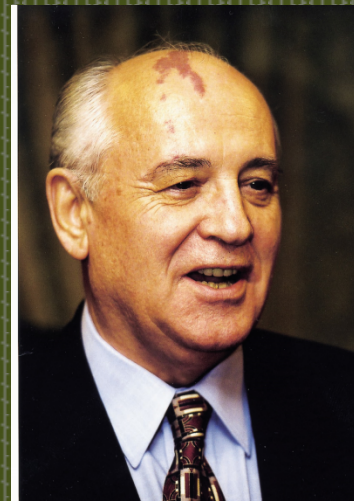


# DÉTENTE

- × A policy of reducing Cold War tension
- × The “thawing” of the Cold War (1970s)
- × Trying to end or pull out of the war

# Mikhail Gorbachev

- × Became the leader of the USSR in 1982
- × First non-totalitarian leader since Stalin
- × Wanted to fix the Soviet economy



# Warm Up #5

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How does the Cold War still affect our world today? What are some of the outcomes of the Cold War?

# STILL TENSIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND RUSSIA

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× Tonight Show w/ Jimmy Fallon

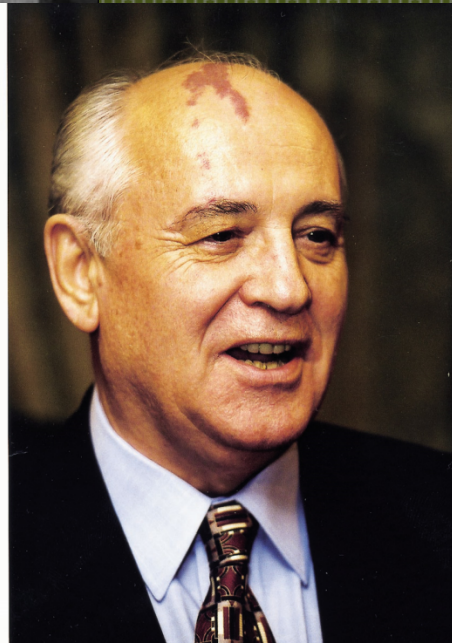
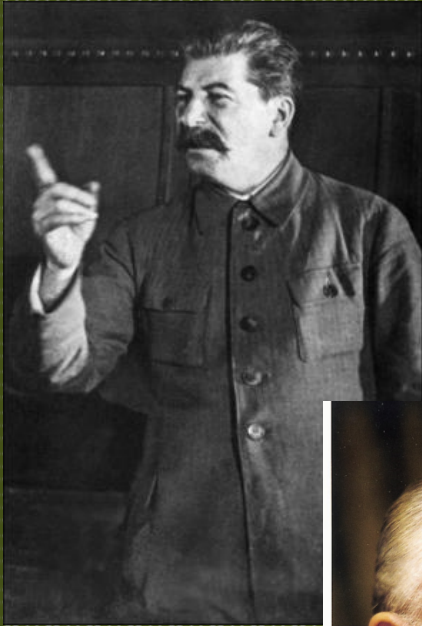
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# 3 MAIN CAUSES FOR THE FALL OF THE SOVIET UNION

# 1. FAILURE OF COMMAND ECONOMY

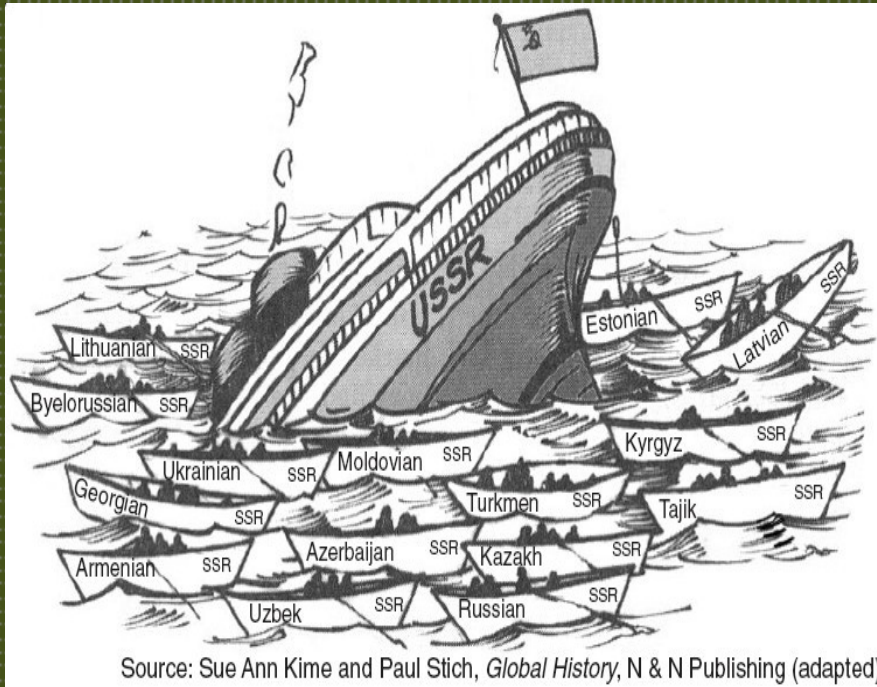


- × Economy developed by Stalin
- × Dictator controls \$\$
- × Discouraged people from offering new ideas
- × USSR was stagnant—there were never any changes
- × Led to reforms by Gorbachev

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## 2. SOVIET REFORMS

# A. PERESTROIKA



Source: Sue Ann Kime and Paul Stich, *Global History*, N & N Publishing (adapted)

- × Started in 1985
- × “Economic restructuring”
- × People allowed to manage their own businesses
- × Gorbachev reduces military spending

## B. GLASNOST



- × Gorbachev's policy in 1985
- × "Openness"
- × Churches reopened
- × Many prisoners released
- × People were allowed to discuss the problems of the country

# C. DEMOKRATIZATSIA



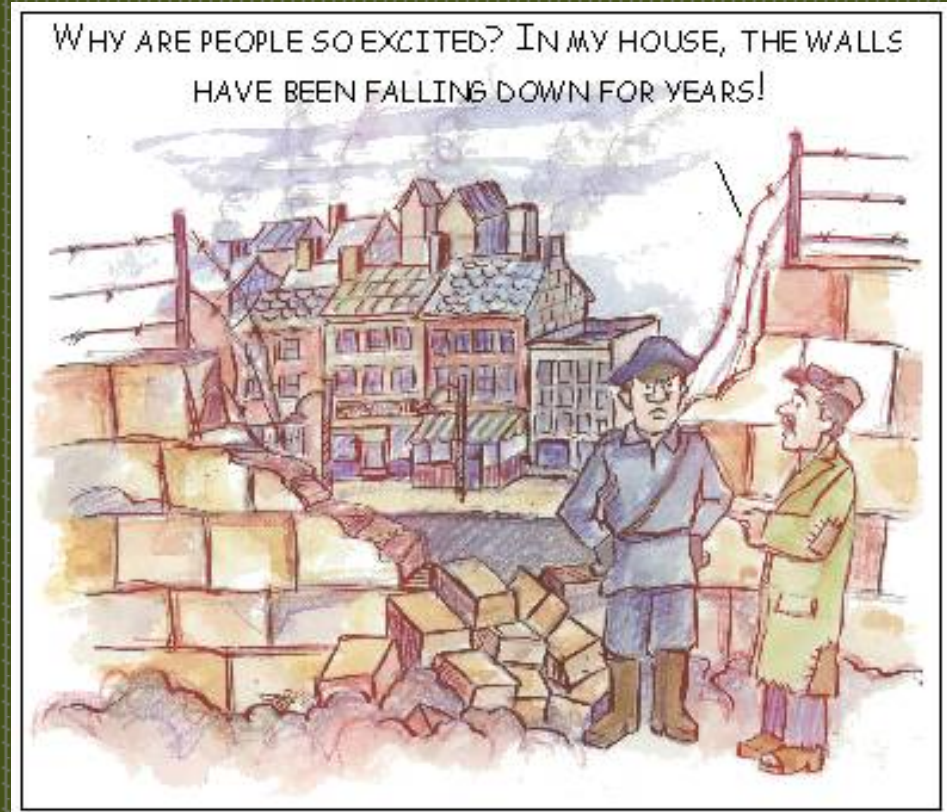
- ✘ 1989 elections held with more than one candidate!
- ✘ New liberty was popular
- ✘ Led to the collapse of the Soviet Union

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# INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS

# A. RESISTANCE IN SATELLITE STATES

- ✘ Satellite states were all the countries that Stalin took over after WWII
- ✘ By about 1990, many satellites demanded freedom
- ✘ Dec 25, 1991 Gorbachev announced that the USSR no longer existed



## B. Fall of the Berlin Wall



- × Through glasnost, people began demanding more freedoms
- × U.S. pressure on Gorbachev to “Tear down that wall...”
- × Friday, Nov. 9, 1989 East Germany opened its borders
- × Crowds began to tear down the wall in celebration

# PARAGRAPH RESPONSE #4

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Describe how the Cold War ended (destalinization, détente) and summarize the 3 main causes for the fall of the Soviet Union.