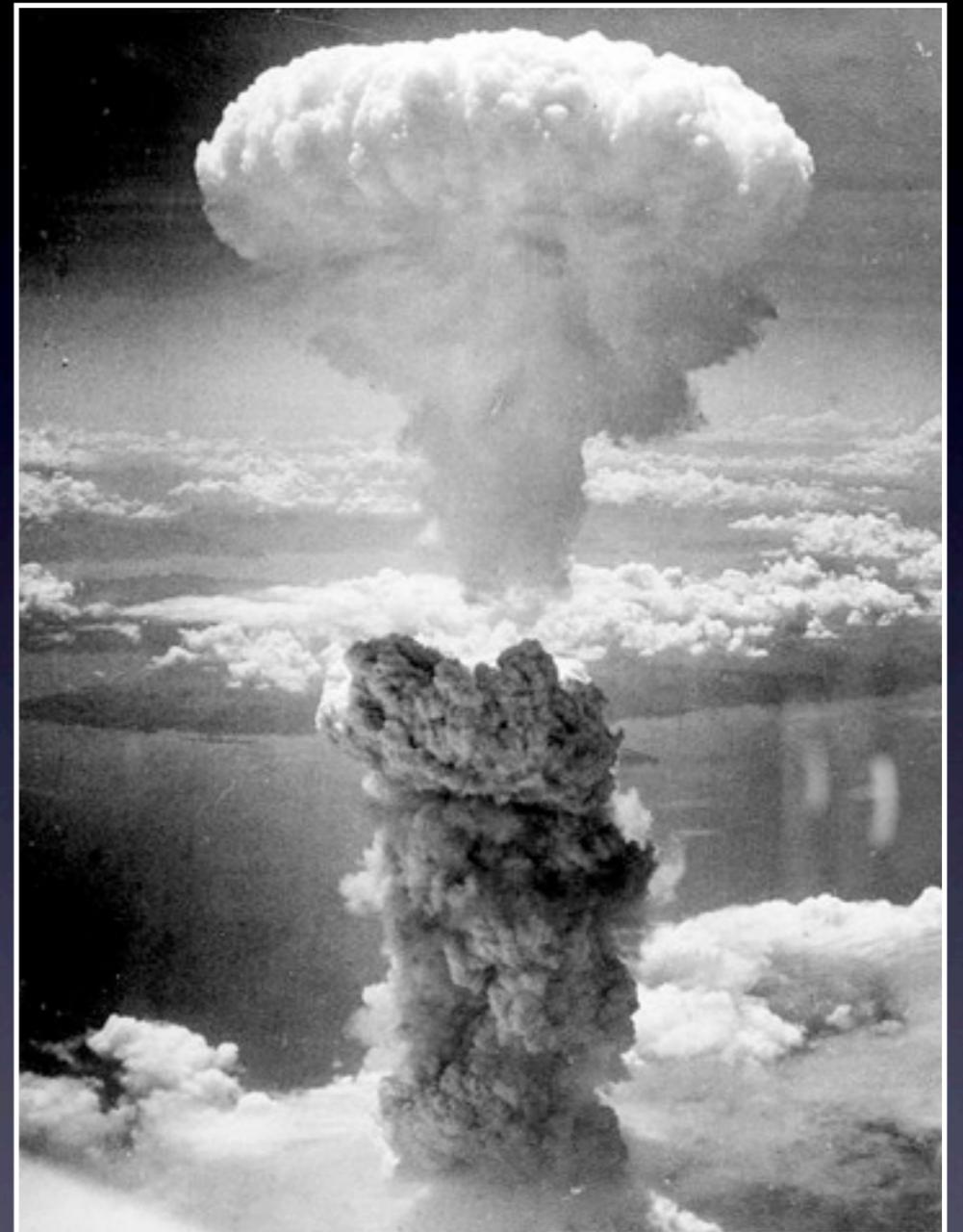


# Roots of the Cold War

# You will be able to...

- Define the Cold War
- Describe the conflict between communism & capitalism
- Explain why the Cold War started



So...What exactly is the  
Cold War?

# Defining Cold War

A constant state of political conflict and economic and military rivalry between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. from 1945-1991 that was just short of war



# USSR vs. Russia

- The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
- Made up of 15 different republics
  - Russia is one of those republics
- Constitutionally socialist state ruled by the Communist Party



# Capitalism/Socialism/ Communism

- Capitalism – All of the means of production are in the hands of individuals.
- Socialism – Some or all of the means of production are in the hands of the State.
- Communism – All of the means of production belong to everyone.

# Communism vs. Capitalism

- Communism goes completely against Capitalism
- Stalin didn't trust capitalists
- U.S. had strained relations with the U.S.S.R. since the October Revolution 1917



# Discuss!

1 – What was the Cold War?

2 – What is the difference between the USSR and Russia?

1 – Explain why Communism and Capitalism don't work together. Why would one be concerned about the other?

# WWII US-Soviet Relations



- Stalin's desire for a second front in France became a point of contention
- Both sides were concerned about the other making a separate peace
- Soviets took control of Poland and recognized a communist gov.
  - Violated agreements made at Yalta
- Soviets wanted to split Japan like Germany
  - US didn't allow it
  - Seen as US attempt to dominate the Pacific
- US stopped Lend-Lease Act with USSR in May 1945

# Two Superpowers

- After the War US and USSR were the top military/economic powers in the world.
- Both had the desire for security and peace but had different ways of achieving it.
- U.S. – maintaining economic strength and promoting democracy
- USSR – Gaining land to prevent invasion and promoting communism

# The Eastern Bloc

- Stalin was tasked with setting up new governments in East Europe at Yalta
- Organized communist governments in all of them by 1948
- By 1948 the following countries were part of the “Eastern Bloc” – **Satellite** nations of the USSR
  - *East Germany*
  - *Poland*
  - *Romania*
  - *Hungary*
  - *Bulgaria*
  - *Albania*
  - *Czechoslovakia*
  - *Yugoslavia (Not answerable to Moscow)*

# Discuss!

1 – How did WWII create tension between The US and the Soviet Union?

2 – What problems might arise given both sides post war goals?

1 – Do you think the goals of either side were objectionable? Why?

2 – Describe the Eastern Bloc. How did it form?

# Quotes

- *“The only thing worse than having allies is not having them”*
  - Winston Churchill
- *“My Children, it is permitted you in time of grave danger to walk with the devil until you have crossed the bridge.”*
  - Franklin Roosevelt
- *“If we see that Germany is winning the war we ought to help Russia and if Russia is winning, we ought to help Germany and in that way let them kill as many as possible.”*
  - Harry Truman