

Lesson 3: The Cold War Continues

Directions: Write the letter of the effect on the line beside each cause. You may use your textbook.

Cause

- _____ 1. Soviets launch Sputnik.
- _____ 2. Soviets send the first man to orbit Earth.
- _____ 3. Vietnam gains independence from France.
- _____ 4. North Vietnam tries to unite all of Vietnam under communist rule.
- _____ 5. U.S. armed forces go to Vietnam.
- _____ 6. In April 1975, South Vietnam surrenders to North Vietnam.
- _____ 7. U.S. President Nixon tries to change the Cold War relationship between the United States and China.
- _____ 8. Nixon and Soviet leaders sign an arms control agreement.
- _____ 9. Nixon is involved in the Watergate scandal.
- _____ 10. U.S. President Jimmy Carter tries to bring peace to Israel and Egypt.
- _____ 11. Cold War tensions increase when Soviet troops invade Afghanistan in December 1979.

Effect

- a. Vietnam is united under communist rule.
- b. U.S. leaders fear that the Soviets will use their new knowledge about space exploration to attack the United States.
- c. Each side agrees to limit nuclear weapons, and tensions are eased.
- d. South Vietnam resists communism and the Vietnam War begins.
- e. President Jimmy Carter objects to the Soviets' attempt to expand their power and refuses to send U.S. athletes to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.
- f. Nixon becomes the only President to resign from office.
- g. In an effort to win the space race, the U.S. works toward being the first country to send a person to the moon.
- h. Americans are divided on the issue of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.
- i. Nixon is successful in trying to improve relations and, in 1972, becomes the first U.S. President to visit China.
- j. Leaders of Israel and Egypt visit the United States and sign a peace treaty in March 1979.
- k. Vietnam is split into North Vietnam and South Vietnam.



Notes for Home: Your child learned about Cold War tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union.
Home Activity: With your child, discuss the positive and negative effects of the Cold War on the United States and the world. Ask your child how the space race and the arms race might have had different results if the United States and the Soviet Union had worked together rather than against each other.