

Why was the First World War seen as the war to end all wars? The 1914-1918 war was the first industrial war, leading to death and destruction on a scale never imagined before. This unit will explore why this happened and how attitudes towards war were changed forever.



Challenge : If you are interested in the First World War, why not research how medical care and treatment was changed as a result of this conflict?

How and why did the Second World War change people's lives? The 1939-1945 war changed the lives of not only soldiers but also civilians everywhere. This unit will explore key events of the conflict and the impact felt by those living through it.



Check point: Using knowledge and understanding of WW1 and WW2 to evaluate sources and analyse change.

The Autumn line



How successful were the USA in stopping the spread of Communism? The Cold War saw the USA vow to contain the spread of Communism. This unit will look at how Communism spread and conflicts that arose from the USA's efforts to prevent this.

Challenge: Find out more about the capitalist and communism ideologies. What are the arguments for and against each approach? Who was Karl Marx and why does he divide opinion so much, even today?

What was life like behind the Iron Curtain? The Cold War saw Europe and the world divide into two competing ideologies, Capitalism vs. Communism. This unit will look at how Communism was established in Eastern Europe and how lives were changed.

Challenge: Create your own timeline of key events from 1914 to 1945. Can you decide which were the most significant events from both world wars? Can you find key events from after WW1 that help explain why WW2 began?

The Spring line

Check point: Using knowledge and understanding of the Cold War to explain consequences and evaluate sources

Why did the Cold War end and how did it shape 21st century conflict? As the 20th century drew to a close, so did the Cold War. This unit looks at the key events that led to the end of the conflict and communism itself. It will also explore how and why, at the dawn of the 21st century, attention then turned to the so called 'war on terror'.



How did Superpower relations change from 1943-1991? This unit introduces students to GCSE History skills and provides an overview of the Cold War Unit from a GCSE perspective.



Check point: Using knowledge and understanding of the Cold War to explain consequences and link events

The Summer line

Challenge: Find out more about the Vietnam War and why people in the USA and across the world protested against it.

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