**WHO WAS TO BLAME?**

**A cold war:**

**DEF:**
The relationship and intense rivalry between the communist nations by USSR and the democratic nations by the USA in the period of 1945 to 1991
- was fought through propaganda/economically
- no direct military conflicts/confrontations between the USA and the USST troops

**Iron curtain source:**
1) shows uncertainty of the USA to what the USSR would do towards the East when they took over

**1941: USA entered the second world war and became allies with the USSR**

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| Ideologies | The USA- Capitalism  
The USSR- Communism  
- Natural enemies  
  - Both ideologies follow a complete different practice  
  - opposing sides of the political spectrum                                                                 | It created fear of the USSR towards the USA.  
Caused suspicions and mistrust between the two countries                                                                 | 3rd  |
| Treaty of Versailles | Russia was isolated (the Allies did not want to change the harsh terms of the Treaty of Brest Lit-vosk and was excluded form the League)  
- Caused resentment in Russia  
**The Russian Civil War (1917)**  
- against the whites and the red (red: communist(left wing), while: capitalists/democratic parties(right wing))  
- The USA help the whites to fight the reds, supplying arms and troops (in the end: the red won) |                                                                                                                                                       | 2nd  |
| 1930’s | - Not invited to the Munich Agreement  
- was constantly pushed away by the West  
- Sudetenland | - was the reason why the USSR did not become allies with the west (B/F)  
- Increase tension between the USSR and the USA, as the USSR becomes more suspicious towards the west | 4th  |
| Stalin’s leadership | - Power freak, constantly paranoid of being underestimated  
- Purges of the 1930s (brutal)  
- totalitarian  
- thought like a Russian Tsar (expansionism)  
- thought that control of foreign lands would provide a buffer zone for the USSR (The Nazi-Soviet Pact) | The USA feared the USSR’s expansion and the spread of communism  
- Saw Stalin as aggressive, heartless and brutal  
- the Purges that Stalin took was threatening  
Attitude of Stalin was far more threatening that Hitler’s towards the USA | 1st  |