

The Cold War

Date	Summary	Detailed Information
February 4th - 11th 1945	Yalta Conference	Meeting between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin to decide what would happen at the end of the war. Topics discussed included - Partitioning of Germany Fate of Poland The United Nations German reparations
May 8th 1945	V E Day	Victory in Europe as Germany surrenders to the Russian army .
July 17th - August 2nd 1945	Potsdam Conference	The Potsdam Conference formally divided Germany and Austria into four zones. It was also agreed that the German capital Berlin would be divided into four zones. The Russian Polish border was determined and Korea was to be divided into Soviet and American zones.
August 6th 1945	Hiroshima	The United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima
August 8th 1945	Nagasaki	The United States dropped the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki.
August 14th 1945	V J Day	The Japanese surrendered bringing World War Two to an end.
September 2nd 1945	Vietnam Independence	Ho Chi Minh proclaimed Vietnam an independent republic.
March 5th 1946	Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech	Churchill delivers his 'Sinews of Peace' speech which contain the famous phrase "...an iron curtain has descended on Europe"
March 12th 1947	Truman Doctrine	President Truman promised to help any country facing a Communist takeover
June 5th 1947	Marshall Plan	This was a programme of economic aid offered by the United States to any European country. The plan was rejected outright by Stalin and any Eastern Bloc country considering accepting aid was reprimanded severely. Consequently the aid was only given to Western European Countries.
September 1947	Cominform	The USSR set up Cominform (Communist Information Bureau) which was the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers' Parties responsible for the creation of the Eastern bloc.

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