


Part One:

The origins of the Cold War

The end of the Second World War

During the Second World War, although fighting on the same side, the Western allies did not forget the Nazi–Soviet Pact of 1939 and remained suspicious that Stalin might arrange a separate peace deal with Hitler. At the end of the Second World War, with their common enemies defeated, the differences in the opinions of the wartime allies became clear.

Contrasting ideologies of the USA and the USSR

West	East
	
Democratic Capitalist	Dictatorship Communist
Free market economy	Government-run economy
Average living standards	Lower than average living standards
Freedom of speech	Limits on free speech
Uneven distribution of wealth – more poor people	More equal distribution of wealth – fewer people were very rich or very poor