Iron Curtain: refers to the spread of communism

Cold War: State of tensions between US + Allies vs Soviet Union + Allies

NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization made in 1949 by the US and western European nations in 1949

Warsaw Pact: Soviets felt surrounded by enemies and were recovering from losses. So it formed this military alliance in 1955

United Nations: 1944 representatives from US, Britain, Soviet Union, and China drafted proposals for United Nations, ratifies 1945. Operated by majority vote with security council holding veto power

World Bank: Provided funds for reconstructing Europe and helping needy countries. This is complementary to the International Monetary Fund used to finance trade deficits

Marshall Plan: An aid program that provided money for the reconstruction of Europe

European Economic Community(Common market): 1957 France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg signed a treaty to engage in an economic alliance (low tariffs)

Korean War: Soviet backed North Korea vs US backed South Korea

Vietnam War: North was communist, Ho Viet Minh under Ho Chi Minh vs noncommunist government in the South. JFK supposrted President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Cuban Missile Crisis: Soviet's delivered nuclear missiles to Cuba in 1962. Nearly pushed US and Soviets to war. Khrushchev and Fidel Castro decide that the deployment of nuclear weapons will preven the US from overthrowing Cuban government. The US declared a naval blockade and prepared to invade, forcing Khruschev to remove the missiles

Helesinki Accords: Europeans realized that they could not keep up with the nuclear arms race, so they decided to ease tensions between US and Soviets with a 1972 and 75 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. These accords affirmed Warsaw Pact nation boundaries, and called for economic, social, and governmental contacts and for cooperation in humanitarian fields

Nonaligned nations: Indonesian President Sukarna organized a meeting at Bandung for developing nations to band together to get a voice in world affairs.

Third World: Not countries under the West led by the US and the East led by the Soviet Union

China cultural Revolution: 1966 Mao instituted a radical program of the mass mobilization of Chinese youth into Red Guard units. The goal was to use revolutionary fervor to ward off Soviet Communist stagnation and to increase the power of the Communist Party. Red Guard units basically beat up smart and rich people. Mao admits to this going too far.

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries: oil producing countries in the Middle East banded together to promote their collective interest in higher revenues.