

## The Cold War - Rivalry, mistrust & accord

topic 1 — Rivalry, mistrust and accord

- The breakdown of the Grand Alliance and the emergence of superpower rivalry in Europe and Asia (1943–1949); role of ideology; fear and aggression; economic interests; a comparison of the roles of the US and the USSR
- The US, USSR and China—superpower relations (1947–1979); containment; peaceful co-existence; Sino-Soviet and Sino-US relations; detente
- Confrontation and reconciliation; reasons for the end of the Cold War (1980–1991); ideological challenges and dissent; economic problems; arms race

