

US History Cold War essay Due Date: TBA

Students will submit an essay on the origins of the Cold War. The historiography on the Cold War pays special attention to blaming either the Soviet Union or the US for the start of the Cold War. For this essay, students will survey at least 4 events that contributed to the start of the Cold War and through research and analysis determine who instigated the conflict.

All essays should follow this general format.

Introduction:	Discussion of events analyzed in your essay.
	Argument: based on the evidence (events surveyed), who is more responsible for the start of the Cold War.
Body Paragraph 1:	Cold War event #1
Body Paragraph 2:	Cold War event #2
Body Paragraph 3:	Cold War event #3
Body Paragraph 4:	Cold War event #4
Conclusion:	reprise argument. Tie events together to construct larger Cold War narrative

All of the evidence presented in Body paragraphs need to have a direct connection to your argument. You must make this connection explicit with your writing

Do not introduce evidence contrary to your argument.

Do not aim at providing a general history or description of Cold War events. Manipulate the evidence to suit your argument.

The introduction should be brief and should not include a broad history of the Cold War.

Keep your writing focused, argument driven. If a sentence does not have an obvious relationship to your argument, omit it.

Keep your essay tightly structured (organized). It will make for a clearer presentation of your argument and an easier essay to write.

The essay must be at least 4 pages long.

Students will need to use at least 2 outside sources.

Students must provide in-text citations and a bibliography.

Students will submit a outline.