# Unit Y223: The Cold War in europe 1941-1995

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **The Origins of The Cold War to 1945** | 1 | 1 | The situation in 1941, Capitalism and Communism and general attitudes in East and West;  | * What was The Cold War?
* The situation in 1941
* The conflicting ideologies between Capitalism and Communism
* *The Origins of* The Cold War
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Origins of The Cold War,* McCauley, Longman
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 1 | 2 | wartime tensions in the Grand Alliance;  | * Growing Tensions during WW2
* Conflicting aims of the Big Three
* Inter-allied negotiations 1943-1944
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Origins of The Cold War,* McCauley, Longman
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 1 | 3-4 | conferences: tensions and difficulties at Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam;  | * Terms and aims of the conferences
* Growing tensions
* End of the War
* Events of Potsdam and their consequences
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Origins of The Cold War,* McCauley, Longman
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|  | 1 | 5 | the ‘liberation of Europe in the East and West’;  | * The liberation of Europe and its impact
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Origins of The Cold War,* McCauley, Longman
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 1 | 6 | relations between Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt (and later Truman and Attlee).  | * The gradual Break-Up of the Grand Alliance
* Relations between leaders
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Origins of The Cold War,* McCauley, Longman
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| **The development of the Cold War 1946–1955** | 1 | 6 | ‘Iron Curtain’ speech;  | * Content and impact of the speech
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 1-2 | 7-8 | Soviet control of Eastern Europe: including Baltic States, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Greece, Yugoslavia;  | * Growing Soviet power in Eastern Europe and its consequences
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 2 | 9 | the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Aid;  | * Main points of the doctrine
* Reason for its development
* Aims of the Marshall Plan
* Soviet rejection of the plan
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 2 | 10 | Cominform and Comecon;  | * How and why Europe was increasingly dividing into two blocs
* Development of Cominform
* Development of Comecon
* Impact of these
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 2 | 11 | conflicts over Germany including the Berlin blockade and airlift;  | * Germany under Great Power rule
* Berlin blockade and airlift
* Why did the blockade fail
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 2 | 12-13 | creation of West and East Germany;  | * Emergence of a Western Bloc
* London Conference of Foreign Ministers
* The Brussels Pact and Western Union
* Distribution of Marshall Aid and the question of European Integration
* The division of Germany
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 2 | 13 | NATO;  | * Reasons for the Treaty and what its aims were
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 2 | 14 | the Warsaw Pact;  | * Increased Western integration
* Stalin’s attempts to combat this
* Changes in leadership in USA and USSR and their impact on The Cold War
* East German Riots
* Collapse of EDC
* West Germany joining Nato
* The Warsaw Pact Treaty
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 3 | 15 | atomic weapons.  | * The Geneva Conference and its significance
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| **The Cold War 1956–1984** | 3 | 16 | The impact of the Hungarian Rising 1956, the Czech Crisis 1968 and events in Poland 1956 and 1980–1981;  | * Destalinsation in USSR
* Polish Crisis and the Return of Gomulka
* The Hungarian Crisis
* The Suez Crisis
* The legacy of the Crises
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 3 | 17 | developments in Germany, including rearmament of the Federal Republic and its inclusion in NATO and the Berlin Wall;  | * The Berlin Crisis, 1958-61
* The construction of the wall – and why it happened
* Consequences of the wall – did it lead to a reduction in tension?
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 3 | 17 | the arms race;  | * Growth in arms and the consequences
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 3 | 17 | Space Race;  | * Events and impact of the Space Race
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 3 | 18 | Détente, the SALT talks and Ostpolitik;  | * How much progress was made towards Détente in Europe and what problems had to be overcome?
* Divisions with the Warsaw Pact
* The aims of Brandt’s Ostpolitik and how he sought to achieve them
* The Moscow, Warsaw and Prague Treaties 1970-3
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 3 | 19 | Brezhnev Doctrine;  | * The aims and contents of the Brezhnev doctrine
* Economic and political consequences
* Four Power Negotiations over Berlin
* The Basic Treaty
* The Helsinki Accord
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 20 | the impact of the ‘new Cold War’ (1979–1985).  | * The weakening of Détente
* Solidarity crisis in Poland
* Ostpolitik under threat
* Impact of the ‘new cold war’
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Cold War,* Smith, Blackwell
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| **The end of The Cold War 1984–1995** | 4 | 21 | Economic and social problems in the USSR and Eastern Europe;  | * Economic and social condition in the USSR and Eastern Europe and the influence on policy
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 21 | western influence; | * Western influence
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 21 | the pressure of the arms race;  | * The arms race and its impact
* Détente renegotiated
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 22 | Gorbachev, glasnost and perestroika, Afghanistan, events of 1989 in Eastern Europe;  | * Gorbachev’s policies
* Impact of the policies
* Withdrawal from Afghanistan
* Eastern European events
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 23 | the coup of 1991 and Russia under Yeltsin;  | * Reform in Russia
* Role of Yeltsin and consequences of coup
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 23 | reunification of Germany;  | * Collapse of the GDR
* How unification was achieved
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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| 4 | 24 | civil war and the break-up of Yugoslavia to 1995. | * Events and impact
 | * *The Cold War 1941-95*, Williamson, Hodder
* *Years of Division: Europe since 1945*, Laver, Rowe, Williamson, Hodder
* *The Collapse of the Soviet Union 1985-1991*, Marples, Pearson
* *Europe and The Cold War,* Williamson, Hodder
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