**Cold War: Document Based Questions**

**Directions:** Now that you have a good understanding of the documents in the Cold War DBQ (Part I), you will use them to write a **2 paragraph microargument** response to the writing prompt listed below. This microargument is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Therefore it is expected that you will use, reference, or cite these documents in your writing.

Question: Keep in mind this question as you begin to organize your 2 paragraph microargument.

***Which side, the United States and its Western allies, or the Soviet Union and its allies in the East, was more responsible for starting the Cold War?***

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**Part II: Formulating the Argument**

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| **Category/Side** | **List the LETTER** **of the documents that fit in these particular categories/sides. All documents should be used!** |
| The U.S.S.R. & its allies in the “East” are more responsible for starting the Cold War |  |
| The U.S. & its allies in the “West” are more responsible for starting the Cold War |  |

* **Which category/side do you have the most evidence for?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **CLAIM Sentence:**

Answer our question above in a CLAIM sentence. Example: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and its allies were the most responsible for starting the Cold War.* (Pick one side!)

* **Write your CLAIM sentence here:**
* **Evidence & Reasoning:**

To write a 2 paragraph microargument on how this side was MOST responsible for starting the Cold War you will need evidence and reasoning. How would you structure your body paragraphs with your evidence and reasoning? Fill in the outline boxes below to get started:

**LETTER of Document EVIDENCE REASONING**

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| 1st document of proof: | Quote: | Explain how this proves your argument: |
| 2nd document of proof: | Quote: | Explain how this proves your argument: |
| 3rd document of proof: | Quote: | Explain how this proves your argument: |