

## Cold War Differences

**Directions:** After completing the *Two Sides of the Cold War* assignment and analyzing the chart below, why would the West (democratic nations) perceive Communism as a threat? Be sure to provide a CLAIM, two pieces of EVIDENCE and REASONING and a COUNTERARGUMENT with REBUTTAL.

| <b>United States<br/>(democratic)</b>  |
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| Capitalistic - private citizens control almost all economic activity.  |
| People elect the president and congress from competing political parties.  |
| Angry with Stalin because he used to be an ally with Adolf Hitler. Stalin only supported the allies after Hitler invaded the Soviet Union. |
| Wanted to create a new world order in Europe after WWII, in which all nations had the right to self-determination.                         |
| Wanted to rebuild European governments to ensure stability and create new markets for American goods.                                      |
| Looked to reunite Germany, believing Europe would be more secure if Germany were productive.   |

| <b>Soviet Union, aka U.S.S.R.<br/>(communist)</b>  |
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| Communist - the state controlled all property and economic activity.   |
| The Communist Party establishes a totalitarian government with no opposing parties.  |
| Stalin resented the Western Allies' delay in attacking the Germans in Europe. He thought the attack would draw Germans away from the Soviet Union. |
| Encouraged communism in other countries as a part of the worldwide struggle between workers and the wealthy.                                       |
| Wanted to control Eastern Europe to balance U.S. influence in Western Europe.  |
| Looked to keep Germany divided and weak so that it would never again threaten the Soviet Union.  |