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### World Geography

- Vocabulary terms that will help understand Europe and Russia.

### Key Terms:



- **Soviet Union = USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)**
  - The name for Russia during the communist era, 1922-1990.



### Key Terms:



- **Cold War:**
  - Rivalry between "Communism" and "Democracy". Both sides had huge arsenals of nuclear weapons.
  - Roughly 1945-1990
  - Called "Cold War" because no actual war was fought between the dominant countries (USA, UK, France, China, USSR).

## Key Terms:

- **Alliance:**
  - Countries associating or joining together for mutual benefit or to achieve a common purpose.

## Key Terms:



- **Political or Military Alliance:**
  - Countries associating for joint defense.

## Key Terms:



- **Economic Alliance:**
  - Countries associating to increase trade or business connections.

## Cold War Military Alliances:



### ***Cold War Military Alliances:***



- **NATO:**

- (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
- Mutual defense treaty formed in 1949.
- Included many nations in western Europe, plus the USA and Canada.
- Also called "Western Bloc" nations.
- Still exists today. Currently 29 nations.

### ***Cold War Military Alliances:***



- **Warsaw Pact:**

- Formed in 1955, in response to formation of NATO.
- Included the USSR, plus 7 other communist counties in Eastern Europe.
- Also called "Eastern Bloc" countries.
- Mostly under the control of the USSR.