Cold War Unit Plan

**Essential Questions** :

1. Were the methods used by the United States to contain communism justified?
2. How did the anxieties raised by the Cold War affect life in the United States?
3. How did some Americans rebel against the conformity in the 1950s?

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| **Knowledge Targets**  “What do I need to know?” | US Foreign Policy:  1. Harry S. Truman/ Dwight D. Eisenhower/Kennedy – Cold War Presidents  2. Soviet Nuclear Test  3. Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD)  4. Arms race  5.Warhead  6. MIRV  7. ICBM  8. SALT  9. START  10. Star Wars  11. Nikita Khrushchev  12. Fidel Castro  13. Cuban Missile Crisis | The Cold War in Asia:  14. Chiang Kai Shek  15. Mao Tse Tung  16. Taiwan  17. Division of Korea  18. 38th Parallel  19. Invasion of South Korea by North Korea  20. Inchon Landing  21. Douglas MacArthur  22. Chinese Attack  23. Truman fires MacArthur  24. Ceasefire/truce line/ DMZ | The Cold War at Home:  25. Suburban growth  26. Consumer products  27. Baby boom  28. Beatnik Movement  29. Women in the 50s  30. HUAC  31. McCarthyism  32. Fear of Communism  33. Hollywood Ten/Blacklist  34. Levittown |

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| **Reasoning Targets**  “What can I do with what I know?” | 1. I can define cold war terms and explain how contrasting values led to tension between the US and the SU during the Cold War. 2. I can analyze eight events from the late Cold War to understand US methods for combating the spread of communism around the world. 3. I can describe the policies that the SU and US were following that explains why both countries built over 50,000 weapons between them (remember the BB demonstration?) 4. I can identify the main causes of economic prosperity in the US during the 1950s? |

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| **Skill Targets**  “What can I demonstrate?” | 1. I can map Cold War events including events related to European tensions and the Korean War. 2. I can discuss the possible responses to the Cuban Missile Crisis. 3. I can explain why Mccarthyism affected life in the United States. |