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 Presidents2. Soviet Nuclear Test3. Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD)4. Arms race5.Warhead6. MIRV7. ICBM8. SALT9. START10. Star Wars11. Nikita Khrushchev12. Fidel Castro13. Cuban Missile Crisis | The Cold War in Asia:14. Chiang Kai Shek15. Mao Tse Tung16. Taiwan17. Division of Korea18. 38th Parallel19. Invasion of South Korea by North Korea20. Inchon Landing21. Douglas MacArthur22. Chinese Attack23. Truman fires MacArthur24. Ceasefire/truce line/ DMZ | The Cold War at Home:25. Suburban growth26. Consumer products27. Baby boom28. Beatnik Movement29. Women in the 50s30. HUAC31. McCarthyism32. Fear of Communism33. Hollywood Ten/Blacklist34. 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.
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