

Revision

- Write on one side of your smart board –  
Communism and the other Capitalism.

- Pursuit of individual wealth

- Everyone was to be of equal wealth i.e. a classless society

- Businesses compete against one another to make the most amount of money

- Less government involvement in peoples' lives

- All goods and services were provided by or had oversight from the government

# Capitalism



Pursuit of individual wealth

People have the freedom to choose their occupation

Businesses compete against one another to make the most amount of money

Less government involvement in peoples' lives

# Communism

Everyone was to be of equal wealth

Common Ownership

All goods and services were provided by or  
had oversight from the government

Massive government involvement in peoples' lives



- Carousel

# The Cuban Missile Crisis

- The Cuban Missile Crisis happened in October 1962. The crisis happened because Cuba became a Communist country in 1959. The USA worried that Communism would spread to the rest of South America so they attempted to overthrow the Cuban Government in 1961 but failed.
- Fearful that the USA would invade again, Cuba agreed to station Soviet nuclear weapons in their country. When the USA discovered this, they put a blockade around Cuba to stop Soviet ships from entering Cuba. The Soviet Union did not order the ships to stop.

- If the Soviet ships did not stop then WWIII would be declared. One submarine believed they were to fire a nuclear torpedo. Two of the officers agreed to fire but one refused and they never fired. What followed was a series of tense negotiations between the USA and the USSR.
- Finally the USSR agreed to remove nuclear weapons from Cuba as long as the USA agreed to remove nuclear weapons from Italy and Turkey. Both agreed and WWIII was narrowly avoided.

# U2 Spy Plane

By 1960 Cold War tensions lessened, the new Soviet leader Khrushchev denounced Stalin (said he was bad). Khrushchev talked about wanting peace. He agreed to a meeting in Paris between the Soviet Union, the USA, France and Britain to solve Cold War problems.

However, in 1960 the Soviet Union shot down an American U2 spy plane which was taking pictures of Soviet Union military bases. They captured the pilot Gary Powers. American President Eisenhower said the plane was a weather plane which simply blew of course.

Despite this, the Soviet Union found that the plane had been taking pictures of their bases which proved Eisenhower was lying, therefore all ideas of peace talks were off the table.

# Prague Springs

In the 1960s there was very little support for Communism in Czechoslovakia. The Czechs were tired of being poor, being controlled by Russia and having little freedom.

Alexander Dubček, a Communist reformer wanted to bring in reforms which allowed Czechoslovakia to run its own country; giving the people more freedoms and sharing power with non-Communist organisations.

In 1968, Russia claimed that Czechoslovakia was under threat from Nazis but it was more likely they did not want Czechoslovakia to have those freedoms. Therefore, Soviet leader Brezhnev responded by invading Czechoslovakia. Many were killed and Dubček was arrested. Russia occupied Czechoslovakia until 1989.

# Civil Rights

- Black Americans lives were difficult in the 1960's. In the Southern States they faced the 'Jim Crow Laws' which meant they were to be separated from White people as much as possible.
- They were supposed to be 'separate but equal' but this was not true. There was often less Black facilities and they were often in worse conditions. This can be bathrooms, swimming pools, parks, water fountains. They would also be removed from buses if White people needed a seat.

# Civil Rights

- Black people also went to separate schools from White people which were overcrowded and received less funding thus leading to an inferior education compared to White people.
- In the Northern States, they did not have segregation but black people often lived in the poorest areas where crime rates were high. They were also not hired for certain jobs due to the colour of their skin.

# Civil Rights Movement

Black people campaigned for Civil Rights through a number of methods.

They often peacefully broke the 'Jim Crow Laws' by either refusing to move to the back of the bus or not using the bus at all.

They also ate in restaurant counters that were designated for white people. They also drove in buses through Southern States demanding Civil Rights.

Finally they would walk through the streets holding signs that demanded their Civil Rights.

# The Vietnam War – Impact on people's lives

- Vietnamese people were hit by American weapons like napalm which caused awful burns and death. They were also hit by Agent Orange which could cause cancer and birth deformities. Finally, Vietnamese villages could be raided by American troops thus leaving them homeless.
- American soldiers suffered heavy casualties. American soldiers often walked into Vietcong traps that included hit and run tactics, spike traps and snipers. They were in a constant fear and thus suffered psychological damage.

- Normal American civilians also had to worry about being forced to fight in the war; this was known as the Draft. Refusing to fight often led to imprisonment. Therefore many American civilians fought and died in a war they did not believe in.