

Lesson 5

The Cold War Thaws



Setting the Stage

- In the postwar years, the Soviet Union kept a firm grip on its satellite countries in Eastern Europe. These countries were Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, and East Germany. (Yugoslavia had broken away from Soviet control in 1948, although it remained Communist.) The Soviet Union did not allow them to direct and develop their own economies. Instead, it insisted that they develop industries to meet Soviet needs. These policies greatly hampered Eastern Europe's economic recovery.

#6a

Assessment

- How did each country try to resist Soviet rule?

1. Hungary	2. Czechoslovakia	3. China
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#6b

- What was the foreign policy of each U.S. president?

4. John f. Kennedy	5. Lyndon Johnson	6. Richard Nixon	7. Ronald Reagan
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#6c

- What was the objective of each of the following?

8. Détente	9. SALT I Treaty	10. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)
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