Cold War and Contemporary Europe

AP European History · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
Marshall Plan /ˈmɑːʃl plæn/	The **Marshall Plan** gave US money to rebuild Europe.
United Nations /juːˈnaɪtɪd ˈneɪʃnz/	The **United Nations** was founded in 1945. 1945
propaganda campaigns /ˌprɒpəˈgændə kæmˈpeɪnz/	Both sides used **propaganda campaigns** to win support.
covert actions /kəʊˈvɜːt ˈækʃnz/	Spies carried out **covert actions** in secret.
limited "hot wars" /ˈlɪmɪtɪd hɒt wɔːz/	The Cold War included **limited "hot wars"** like Korea.
arms race /ɑːmz reɪs/	In the **arms race**, each side built more weapons.
Truman Doctrine /ˈtruːmən ˈdɒktrɪn/	The **Truman Doctrine** promised to help countries resist communism.
containment /kənˈteɪnmənt/	**Containment** aimed to stop communism spreading.
NATO /ˈneɪtəʊ/	**NATO** is a military alliance of western countries.
Iron Curtain /ˈaɪən ˈkɜːtn/	The **Iron Curtain** divided eastern and western Europe.
central planning /ˈsentrəl ˈplænɪŋ/	Under **central planning**, the state decides what factories make.
Solidarity	**Solidarity** was a Polish trade union that challenged communist rule.

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increase in welfare benefits /ˈɪŋkriːs ɪn ˈwelfeə ˈbenɪfɪts/	Western governments funded an **increase in welfare benefits**.
economic stagnation /ˌiːkəˈnɒmɪk stægˈneɪʃn/	In the 1970s, **economic stagnation** slowed growth. 20 70
welfare state /ˈwelfeə steɪt/	The **welfare state** provides health care and pensions.
stagflation /stægˈfleɪʃn/	**Stagflation** is high inflation together with high unemployment.
Mikhail Gorbachev's /ˈmɪkaɪl ˈgɔːbəʃevz/	**Mikhail Gorbachev's** reforms opened up the Soviet Union.
perestroika /ˈperɪstrɔɪkə/	**Perestroika** meant rebuilding the Soviet economy.
glasnost /ˈglæsnɒst/	**Glasnost** meant more openness and free speech.
decolonisation /dɪˌkɒlənaɪˈzeɪʃn/	**Decolonisation** gave independence to former colonies.
European Union /ˌjʊərəˈpɪən ˈjuːnɪən/	The **European Union** links many European countries.
migrant workers /ˈmaɪgrənt ˈwɜːkəz/	**Migrant workers** came to Germany to fill jobs.
altered Europe's religious makeup /ˈɒltəd ˈjʊərəps rɪˈlɪdʒəs ˈmeɪkʌp/	Immigration **altered Europe's religious makeup**, adding many Muslims.
eluded consensus /ɪˈluːdɪd kənˈsensəs/	The question of immigration **eluded consensus**: people could not agree.

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both enthusiasm and criticism /bəʊθ enˈθjuːziæzəm ænd ˈkrɪtɪsɪzəm/	The EU met with **both enthusiasm and criticism**.
Green parties /griːn ˈpɑːtiz/	**Green parties** campaign for the environment.
sustainable development /səˈsteɪnəbl dɪˈveləpmənt/	**Sustainable development** meets our needs without harming future generations.
consumer culture /kənˈsuːmə ˈkʌltʃə/	A **consumer culture** grew as people bought cars and TVs.
baby boom /ˈbeɪbi buːm/	After 1945, a **baby boom** brought many births. 1945

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