

9.3 The Cold War

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• covert actions 秘密行动 • propaganda campaigns 宣传战

Objective

Build the skills to explain the **Cold War** 冷战.

You must be able to:

- state what the CED says about the United Nations and the division
- name the four kinds of Cold War activity
- explain the CED’s careful attribution of ‘Iron Curtain’
- explain why the division is the ideological battle in geographical form

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Cooperation and division

Despite efforts to maintain international cooperation through the newly created United Nations, deep-seated tensions between the USSR and the West led to the division of Europe, **referred to in the West as** the Iron Curtain.

■ Four activities

Propaganda campaigns; covert actions; limited “hot wars” in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean; and an arms race with the threat of nuclear war.

■ The attribution

“Referred to in the West as” attributes the term rather than adopting it. Reproducing that phrasing is more accurate than flattening it.

■ Geography of ideology

8.1’s conflicting conceptions of the individual and the state took a territorial form. The division of Europe is that battle drawn on a map.

2 Practice

2.1 State what “despite the United Nations” indicates. [2]

2.2 Name the four kinds of Cold War activity. [2]

2.3 The CED writes “referred to in the West as the Iron Curtain”.

(a) State what the phrasing does. [1]

(b) State why it is worth reproducing. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 “Limited hot wars” occurred in [1]

- **A** Europe only
- **B** Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean
- **C** nowhere
- **D** the Soviet Union only

3.2 The division of Europe is best described as [1]

- **A** a purely military line
- **B** the ideological battle in geographical form
- **C** an accident
- **D** a trade agreement

3.3 Two powers avoid direct war for forty years while competing everywhere else.

(a) State what makes this possible. [1]

(b) Explain the effect on other regions. [2]

Solutions

2.1 that a genuine attempt at cooperation was made and failed against deeper tensions.

2.2 propaganda campaigns; covert actions; limited hot wars; an arms race with the threat of nuclear war.

2.3 (a) it attributes the term rather than adopting it. (b) it records who used the phrase, which is more accurate than presenting it as neutral description.

3.1 B. the CED lists all four regions.

3.2 B. the ideological conflict took a territorial form.

3.3 (a) nuclear risk makes direct war unacceptably costly to both. (b) competition is displaced onto third regions, which bear the fighting that the two powers avoid between themselves.