

9.3 The End of the Cold War

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **the Cold War’s end** 冷战的终结.

You must be able to:

- name the four means by which Reagan asserted opposition to communism
- name the three factors in ending the Cold War
- state the two consequences of the end
- explain why the CED lists causes on both sides

1 Worked examples

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

■ **Four means**

Reagan asserted U.S. opposition to communism through speeches, diplomatic efforts, limited military interventions, and a buildup of nuclear and conventional weapons.

■ **Three factors**

Increased U.S. military spending, Reagan’s diplomatic initiatives, and political changes and economic problems in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union were all important in ending the Cold War.

■ **Two consequences**

The end of the Cold War led to new diplomatic relationships but also new U.S. military and peacekeeping interventions, as well as continued debates over the appropriate use of American power in the world.

■ **Both sides**

Two of the three factors are American and one is internal to the Soviet bloc. The CED refuses an account in which either side alone produced the outcome, which is what “all important” is doing.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the four means by which Reagan asserted opposition to communism. [2]

2.2 Name the three factors in ending the Cold War. [3]

2.3 The end had two kinds of consequence.

(a) State them. [2]

(b) State what “all important” refuses. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Among the factors ending the Cold War the CED includes [1]

- **A** political changes and economic problems in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union
- **B** the Vietnam War
- **C** the Great Society
- **D** the 1965 immigration laws

3.2 The end of the Cold War also led to [1]

- **A** new U.S. military and peacekeeping interventions
- **B** total disarmament
- **C** an end to all debate
- **D** withdrawal from the world

3.3 A student explains the Cold War's end entirely by U.S. military spending.

(a) State what is missing. [1]

(b) Explain what the CED's phrasing requires. [2]

Solutions

2.1 speeches; diplomatic efforts; limited military interventions; a buildup of nuclear and conventional weapons.

2.2 increased U.S. military spending; Reagan's diplomatic initiatives; political changes and economic problems in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

2.3 (a) new diplomatic relationships; new U.S. military and peacekeeping interventions, with continued debates over the use of American power. (b) an account in which either side alone produced the outcome.

3.1 A. changes within the Soviet bloc.

3.2 A. new interventions.

3.3 (a) the diplomatic initiatives and the internal changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. (b) "all important" makes the three jointly responsible, so an answer with one has explained less than the source does.