

8.3 Effects of the Cold War

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Objective

Build the skills to compare **superpower methods** 超级大国的手段.

You must be able to:

- name the two military alliances the CED gives
- state the two further effects of the Cold War
- state where proxy wars were fought
- explain what a proxy war is and why it was used

1 Worked examples

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

■ Two alliances

The Cold War produced new military alliances, **including NATO and the Warsaw Pact** —one per bloc.

■ Two further effects

It **led to nuclear proliferation and proxy wars**. The first raised the cost of direct war; the second is what the powers did instead.

■ Where

Between and within postcolonial states in Latin America, Africa and Asia. "Within" as well as "between": a proxy war may be a civil war with external backing.

■ Why proxies

Nuclear weapons made direct war unacceptably costly to both. Competition was displaced onto third countries, which bore the fighting the superpowers avoided.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the two military alliances.

[2]

2.2 State the two further effects and how they connect. [2]

2.3 Proxy wars were fought in specific places.

(a) Name the three regions. [3]

(b) State the force of "and within". [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Nuclear proliferation made direct war between the superpowers [1]

- **A** more likely
- **B** unacceptably costly
- **C** cheaper
- **D** unchanged

3.2 "Between and within postcolonial states" indicates that some proxy wars were [1]

- **A** civil wars with external backing
- **B** naval wars only
- **C** fought in Europe
- **D** imaginary

3.3 Two powers avoid fighting each other and fund opposing sides elsewhere.

(a) Name the practice. [1]

(b) Explain who bears the cost. [2]

4 Go further

- work through the **8.3 Effects of the Cold War** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Cold War and Decolonization** section of the AP World History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 NATO; the Warsaw Pact.

2.2 nuclear proliferation and proxy wars; proliferation made direct war too costly, so competition was displaced into proxy wars.

2.3 (a) Latin America; Africa; Asia. (b) some were civil wars within a state rather than wars between states.

3.1 B. that is why proxies were used.

3.2 A. "within" covers civil wars.

3.3 (a) proxy war. (b) the postcolonial states in which the fighting occurs, not the superpowers funding it.