
PROGRAM 1 - Cold War Declassified: Ideology and Culture During the Clash of Superpowers

5th Grade Social Studies · United States and Constitution History

Lesson Objective: Students connect the international conflict of the Cold War with an understanding of the political, economic, and cultural divisions between the USSR and the USA. Students will identify the root causes of Cold War tensions, contrast different perspectives, evaluate the impact of the Cold War in South Carolina, and analyze art, political cartoons, and films made during this era.

Grouping: Groups of 3-5; whole Group

Duration: 60 minutes

Class Size: Max 60

Location: In Classroom or Virtual

Materials: PowerPoint (Provided), Cold War Propaganda Images (Laminated), Cold War Glossary Crossword Activity, Behind the Wall Creative Writing Activity, Cold War Oral History Activity.

Program Details: This program is available in the classroom or virtually. To bring this program to your classroom, contact SRS Museum Educational Specialist Evelyn Berry: eberry@newsouthassoc.com.

This Program meets: [2020 South Carolina Social Studies College-Ready Standards](#)

Standard 5.4.CO: Compare and contrast the capitalist and communist ideologies.

Standard 5.4.CX: Contextualize the tension between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Standard 5.4.E: Analyze multiple perspectives on the economic, political, and social effects of the Cold War, Space Race, and Civil Rights Movement using primary and secondary sources.

Standard 5.5.P: Summarize the global involvement of the U.S. using the fall of the Soviet Union as a turning point.

Standard 5.5.CX: Contextualize the changes in rural communities in South Carolina within national and global industries.

Standard 5.5.CC: Analyze the continuities and changes in U.S. relationships with countries around the world as a result of the economic, political, and social changes in this period.

[2020 South Carolina United States and the Constitution Standards](#)

Standard USHC.5.CO: Explain the technological developments and economic changes in the U.S. during the Cold War and post-Cold War eras using a comparative analysis.

Standard USHC.5.CE: Assess the immediate and long-term causes and effects through significant turning points of the Cold War.

Standard USHC.5.CX: Contextualize domestic economic development and American national identity within global politics.