

# Cold War

Day 2

# Capitalism



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# Communism

- businesses make their own choices
- government stays OUT!!
- consumers make their own choices
- everything is equal share
- government owns businesses = nothing privately owned
- money is redistributed = everyone has same amount

# Superpowers

- 1945 was the beginning of a long period of distrust and misunderstanding between the Soviet Union and the United States.
- Both countries emerged as the world's two "superpowers" because they had the political strength and military power to influence countries around the world.

# Opposing Views

- The two countries had opposing views about government and economics.
- The Soviet Union believed that a powerful central government should control the economy as well as the government (Communism).
- The US believed that businesses should be privately owned (Capitalism).
- Disagreements between the two became a long period of tension and rivalry known as the Cold War.

# Cold War

- The Cold War was a time of indirect conflict that lasted until 1991.
- Both countries worried that the other would become more powerful and spread its economic and political views to other countries.
- This tension is called a “cold” war because neither side ever fired a shot.
- However, many feared the rivalry between Democracy and Communism would lead to a nuclear war.

# Arms Race

- The United States and Soviet Union competed with one another for political influence and military power.
- Both countries built stockpiles of weapons, including nuclear bombs, in case the war turned physical.
- This build up of weapons was called the “arms race”.



# Space Race

- During the Cold War, the United States and Soviet Union also competed to have the most advanced science and technology.
- Both countries competed to be the first to put a man in space and to land on the moon.
- This competition for science superiority was called the “space race”.



# Distrust

- Each side thought the other was trying to rule the world.
- Neither side would give up, and people lived in fear that another world war would erupt.
- This time it could be a nuclear war, which could destroy the entire planet.

# Task

- Watch the *Made-for-TV* movie version of The Butter Battle Book by, Dr. Seuss.
- Answer the questions on the worksheet.

