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Classroom Resources for Teachers

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 was one of the most notorious events that signaled the crumbling of the Soviet Union, and the approach of the end of 45 years of the intense ideological conflict and political, economic, and military tension that characterized the Cold War. This year, 2014, marks the 25th anniversary since the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the resources, lesson plans, and classroom projects included here provide excellent ways of encouraging students to explore and further their knowledge of this period in recent world history.

Community and the Cold War

Contained in this resource package are the tools to develop a lesson or major project that integrates Cold War primary source material with the general theme of “community”, while fitting with curriculum guidelines nationwide for students in grades 3 to 12. You are not required to use all of the materials provided, nor are you obligated to participate in any of the accompanying major projects. As an educator, you can pick and choose the content and materials you wish to use, and tailor it according to your own preferences and needs. Should you choose to use any of the major projects as set out in the packages, you will find that you will be able to participate on a number of levels, and will also be provided with the opportunity to have your students’ work featured in an upcoming museum education exhibit here at the Diefenbunker: Canada’s Cold War Museum.

This lesson plan

The Diefenbunker: Canada’s Cold War Museum, would like to thank you for actively contributing to enhancing understandings of Cold War history across Canada. Should you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-613-839-0007 ext. 223 or education@diefenbunker.ca.

Curriculum

Lesson: The Cold War: Communities in the Cold War	Level: Alberta, Grade 7 Duration: 30 minutes
Topics	Communities, The Cold War, Mapping
Curriculum Expectations (General and Specific Learning Outcomes)	7.S.1 Develop skills of critical thinking and creative thinking: Determine the validity of information based on context, bias, course, objectivity, evidence, and/or reliability to broaden understanding of a topic or an issue 7.S.2 Develop skills of historical thinking: Analyze historical issues to form or support an opinion; explain the historical contexts of key

	<p>events of a given time period</p> <p>7.S.3 Develop skills of geographic thinking: Construct and interpret maps to broaden understanding of issues, places, and peoples of Canada; interpret historical maps to broaden understanding of historical events</p> <p>7.S.7 Apply the research process: Develop a position that is supported by information gathered through research; draw conclusions based upon research and evidence; Determine how information serves a variety of purposes and that the accuracy or relevance of information may need verification</p> <p>7.S.8 Demonstrate skills of oral, written, and visual literacy: Offer reasoned comments related to a topic of discussion</p> <p>7.S.9 Develop skills of media literacy: Detect bias on issues presented in the media</p>
Learning Goals	In this lesson, students will contrast a modern map with a Cold War map, examining them critically for bias and using the maps to interpret how Canada as a world community has evolved over time.
Materials/Resources	<p>Access to the internet or one atlas for every two students in the class, and Cold War world maps (copies of maps included in following pages or in web links below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figure 1. Soviet-made Cold War map: 1928 <i>Atlas of the USSR</i> world map, found online here Figure 2. American-made Cold War map: John Birch Society pamphlet map, published 1980, found online here
Instructional Methodology	Map-making, compare and contrast, and class discussion
Pre-Lesson	Students should be introduced to the Cold War and the Diefenbunker through the use of the provided package materials
Introductory Activity/Hook	In groups of two, students will search for a world map of their preference either online or in an atlas. The world map should be up-to-date (2007 or later).

Lesson Outline	<p>After introducing the topics and the activity, the students will discuss with their partners the following questions:</p> <p>What types of communities are identified in the map and how are they divided (geographically, politically, nations/provinces/states/cities, etc.)? Where is Canada on the map and how is it depicted in terms of location, size, colour, and other details? Do you think that there is any bias in this map, or is it an objective view of the world? Ask them to provide reasons for their opinions.</p> <p>The teacher will then show the students the world maps that were published during the Cold War in the USSR and Canada, either using a projector screen or by handing out photocopies. As partners, the students will then write brief lists of the major differences they notice between their map and the Cold War maps. The teacher will call on each set of partners to share some or all of their lists with the class, and creates a master list on the whiteboard of their contributions.</p>
Closure	<p>The teacher will lead a discussion with the whole class based on questions such as the following:</p> <p>What communities are identified in the Cold War maps? Who were the maps made by and for what audience? Are the maps biased? How, and why?</p>
Assessment/Evaluation	<p>Class discussion and participation</p>
Implications for Future Lessons	<p>This lesson links naturally with further work in comparing and contrasting maps, recognizing bias, and critically analyzing primary historical documents.</p>

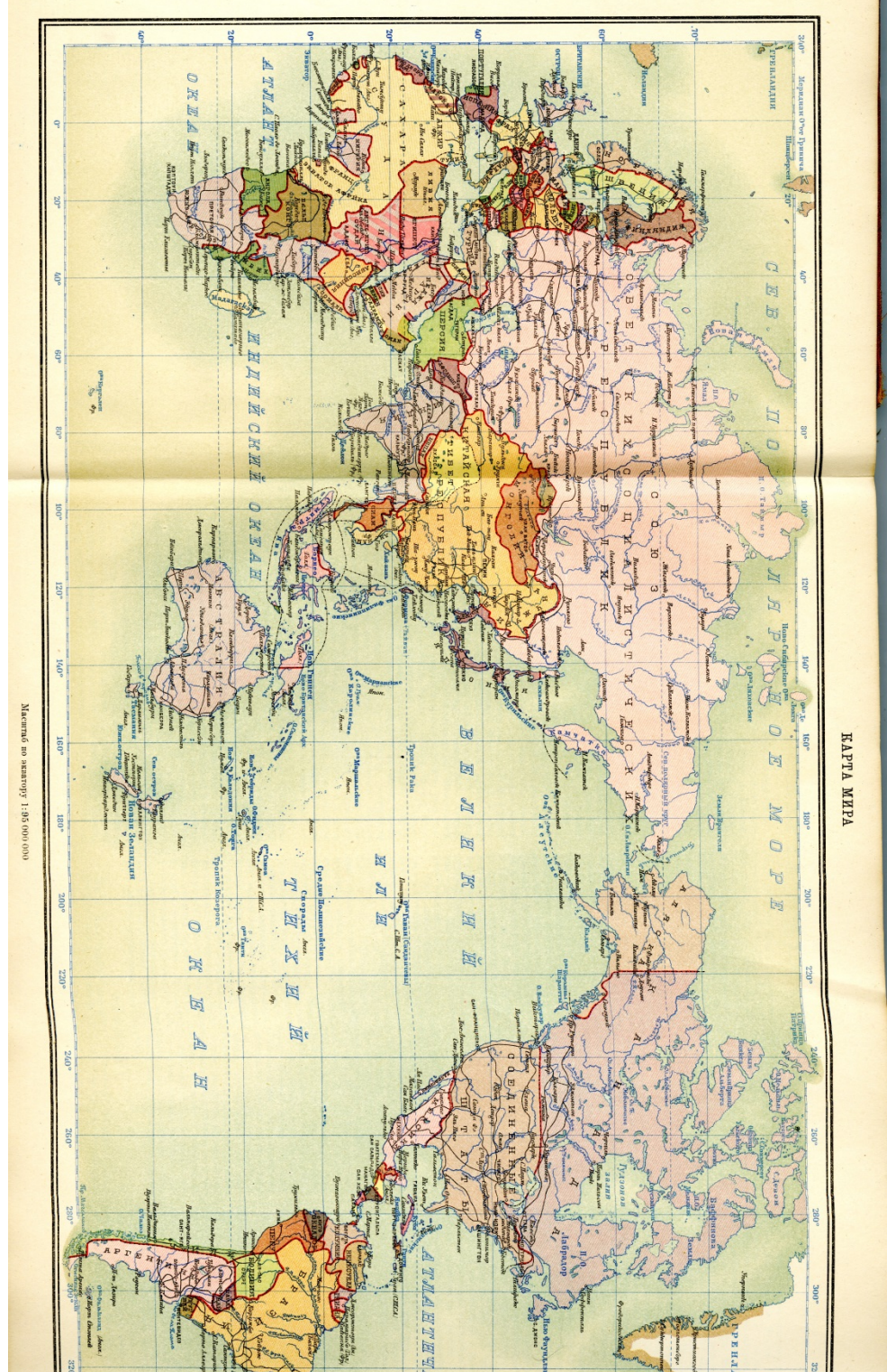


Figure 1. 1928
Atlas of the USSR
world map.



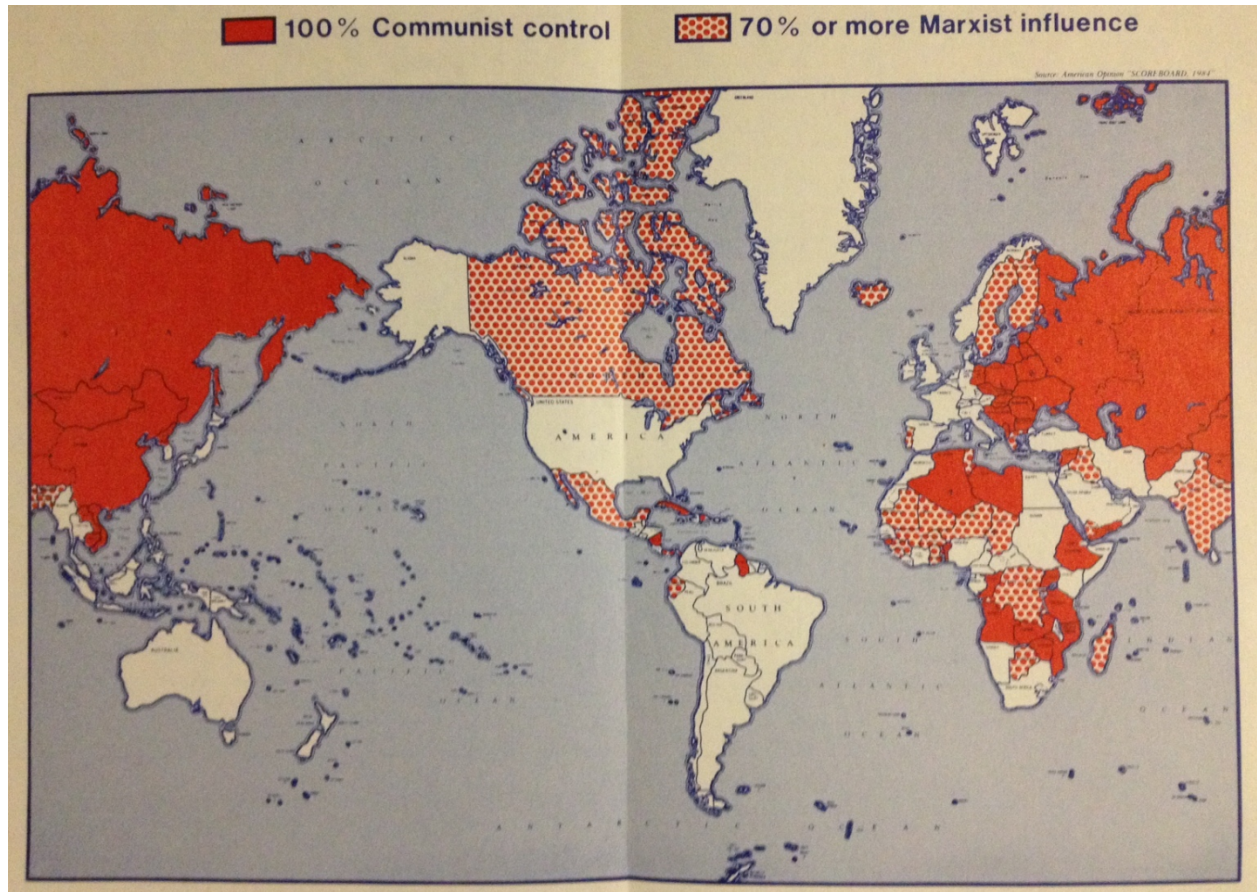


Figure 2. John Birch Society pamphlet (inside pages), 1980