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## Graphic Organizer 1: Conflict in Europe (1946 - 1957)

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The post-World War II period saw the emergence of two global superpowers with opposing worldviews: the capitalist United States and the communist Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R). The two former allies were increasingly at odds after the war. The Soviets immediately exerted control over Eastern Europe and threatened to expand their control further west. The U.S. responded by adopting a policy of containment, which aimed to halt the spread of communism.

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## Graphic Organizer 2: Fear of Domestic Subversion (1947 - 1955)

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Anxiety about the influence of communism on American institutions and values was deep and widespread throughout the Cold War era. Government investigators tracked suspected espionage by communist spies and supporters, and Congress investigated alleged schemes by communists to insert propaganda into movies and other related threats. Senator Joseph McCarthy led the era's most famous congressional investigation, a hunt for communist influence on institutions such as the State Department and the Army.

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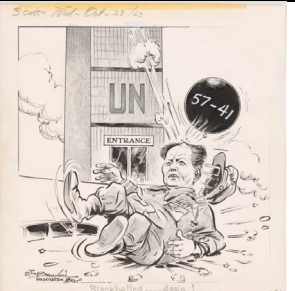
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## Graphic Organizer 3: Conflict in Asia (1953 - 1963)

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The Cold War opened with the danger of Soviet expansion in Europe, but by 1949 an equally ominous threat had emerged in Asia. Communists in China, led by Mao Zedong, defeated their rivals in a civil war forcing the non-communists to retreat to Taiwan. Just a year later, communist forces backed by the U.S.S.R. and China invaded South Korea from the North. To what lengths would the U.S. go to stop communist expansion in Asia? And, would the U.S. give sanction to communist gains by agreeing to Red China's membership in the United Nations?

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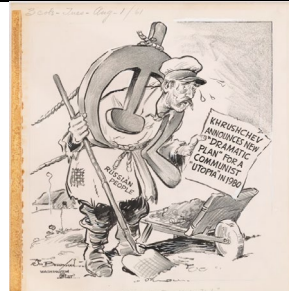
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## Graphic Organizer 4: Ideological Conflict (1953 - 1961)

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As a rivalry between super powers with starkly different economic and political systems, the Cold War involved military and economic conflict, as well as an ongoing contest to contrast the American way of life and communist society as rival ideals. This ideological rivalry affected every level of official action from military displays, to diplomatic exchanges, to cultural events, and sports. At its core, the dueling systems of values reflected fundamentally opposed visions of human destiny and human rights native to the Free and Communist Worlds.

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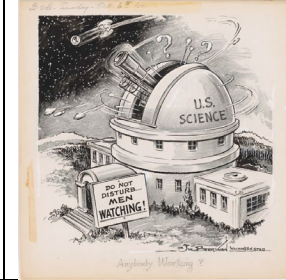
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The advancement of science and technology yielded both marvels and threats during the Cold War. New consumer products, novel medical advances, and communications innovations transformed everyday life. Simultaneously, the destructive capacity of weapons of war increased exponentially and threatened the world with sudden and massive destruction from atomic and, later, hydrogen bombs. Advances in rocketry and space science thrilled and frightened the public as space flights revealed the possibility of both men and missiles in space. For the first time, many asked whether emerging technologies could be harnessed for peaceful advancement or if instead they would menace the future?

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