






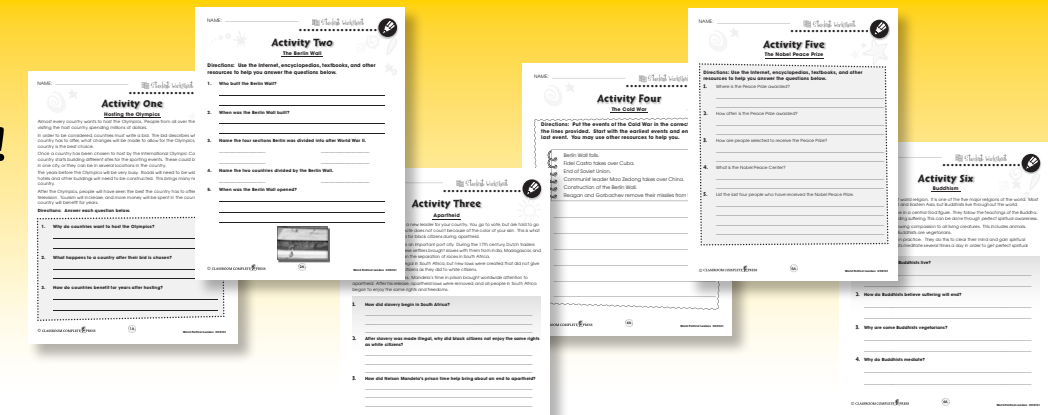
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NAME: _____



Fidel Castro



1. Write each word from the list beside its correct meaning. Use a dictionary to help you.

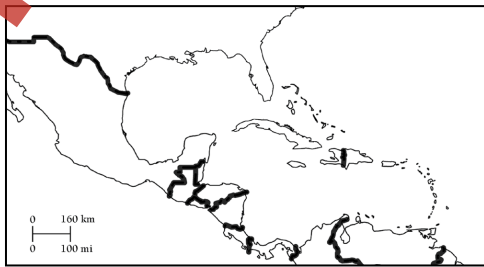
embargo	hostile	personable	oppose
aid	dictator	isolated	

- a) _____ Act against
- b) _____ Well-liked
- c) _____ Help
- d) _____ A leader who rules with total power
- e) _____ Separate from everyone else
- f) _____ A government order that does not allow trade
- g) _____ Angry towards

2. The U.S. has an **embargo** against Cuba. What if your country had an embargo placed on it? Imagine what your country would be like if other countries would not trade with your country. Make a list of five things you could not have if your country was not allowed to trade.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

3. Locate Cuba on the map below. Next, locate the southernmost tip of Florida. Estimate the distance between Cuba and the U.S. Write your estimate in the box below.



NAME: _____



Fidel Castro



Fidel Castro became the leader of Cuba after leading the Cuban Revolution. He helped remove another leader from office during this **revolution**. After taking over the government, Castro has led Cuba for over forty years.



Cuba is a small island less than 100 miles from the southern tip of Florida. However, U.S. citizens are not allowed to travel to Cuba and the United States will not trade with Cuba. In fact, the U.S. has had an **embargo** against Cuba for over forty years.

Castro worked closely with Russian leaders until the end of the Cold War. Both countries had Communist governments. This was a serious threat to the United States.

U.S. leaders worried because they thought that Cuba would **aid** Russia in attack against the U.S. When the Cold War ended, Cuba and Russia ended their close relationship, but the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba remained openly **hostile**.

STOP Why did U.S. leaders consider Cuba to be a serious threat?

People have many different opinions about Fidel Castro as a leader. Some people believe he is a **personable** leader. Other people believe he is a **dictator**. He has been accused of killing people who oppose him, but others consider Castro to be a hero.

Cuba remains somewhat **isolated** from the rest of the world. Cuba's **economy** has suffered since the end of the Cold War. They are now trying to attract tourists, but U.S. citizens still cannot travel to Cuba.

NAME: _____



Fidel Castro



1. Read the following four events. Write them in the correct order on the lines below, starting with the earliest event.

- Castro works closely with Russia.
- Cuba encourages tourism.
- Castro takes over after the Cuban Revolution.
- Castro ends his close relationship with Russia.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

2. In your own words, explain why people have so many different *opinions* about Fidel Castro.

3. What do you think would happen if the U.S. *lifted* the embargo against Cuba?

4. Using the computers and other resources in your classroom, find *four facts* about Cuba. List those facts on the lines provided below.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____



Snapshots Organizer

List the steps taken by the Perons, in the proper order, to achieve and keep power. Write one step in each snapshot below.



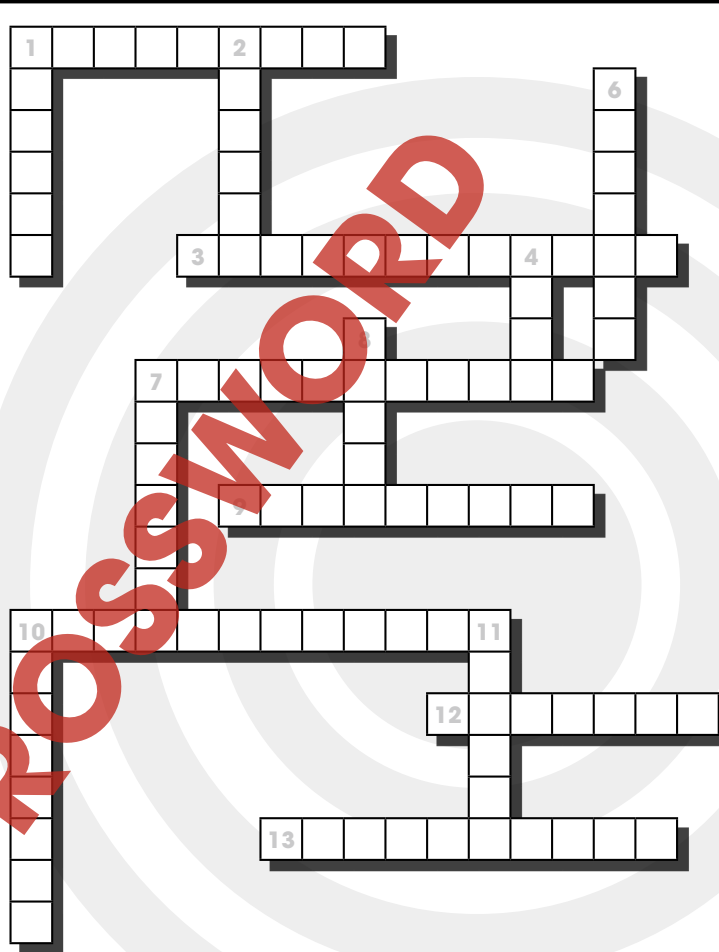
Crossword Puzzle!

Across

- 1. The first President of the Soviet Union
- 3. U.S. President who helped end Cold War
- 7. U.S. President who declared a war on terrorism
- 9. Argentinian leader who worked to help poor
- 10. Spiritual leader of Tibet
- 12. In prison for over 20 years for what he believed
- 13. Made drug laws more strict in Mexico

Down

- 1. Worked to improve conditions in India
- 2. Close ally with Russian leaders during Cold War
- 4. Weapons
- 6. To let go
- 7. Made ready for
- 8. Chinese leader who helped China become more involved in World Politics
- 10. Known as "The Iron Lady" in the United Kingdom
- 11. A former leader of the PLO who worked for peace in the Middle East



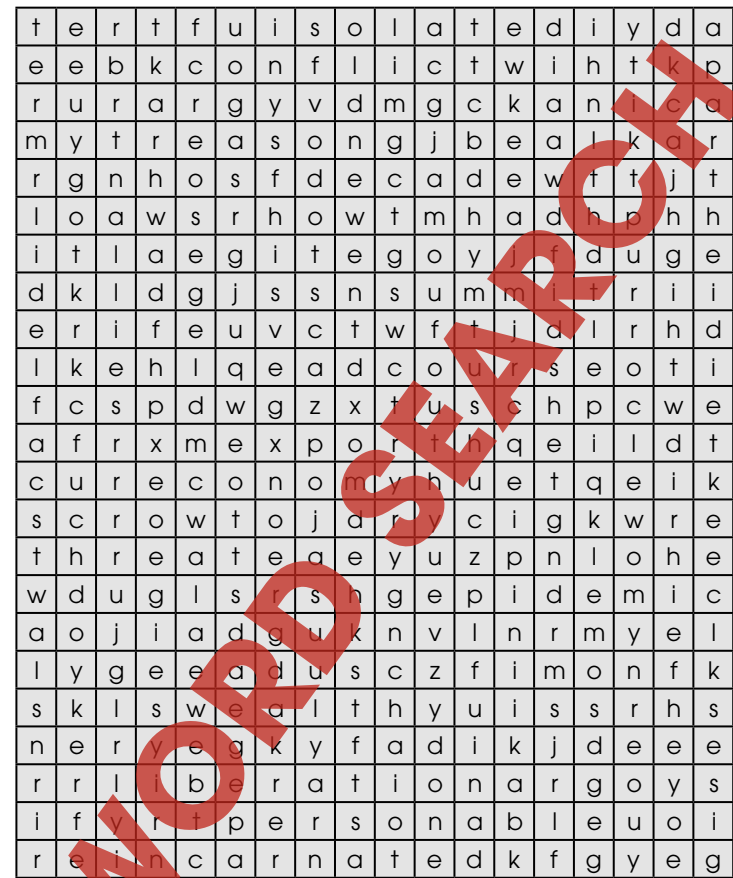
Word List

Gorbachev	Castro	Vicente Fox
Zemin	Juan Peron	arms
George W. Bush	Gandhi	Ronald Reagan
groomed	The Dalai Lama	Thatcher
release	Arafat	Mandela



Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.



- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|--------------|------------|
| terrorist | summit | reincarnated | release |
| term | aid | export | threat |
| hostage | corrupt | conflict | economy |
| treason | epidemic | fled | goods |
| apartheid | linked | allies | wealthy |
| isolated | surplus | highjack | personable |
| citizens | decade | course | liberation |



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

1. Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE **OR** Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.
- a) Yasser Arafat always worked for peace in the Middle East.
TRUE **FALSE**
 - b) China has allowed the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet to lead.
TRUE **FALSE**
 - c) Thatcher, Reagan, and Gorbachev worked to end the Cold War.
TRUE **FALSE**
 - d) Indira Gandhi created a food shortage in India.
TRUE **FALSE**
 - e) Mandela helped apartheid spread in South Africa.
TRUE **FALSE**

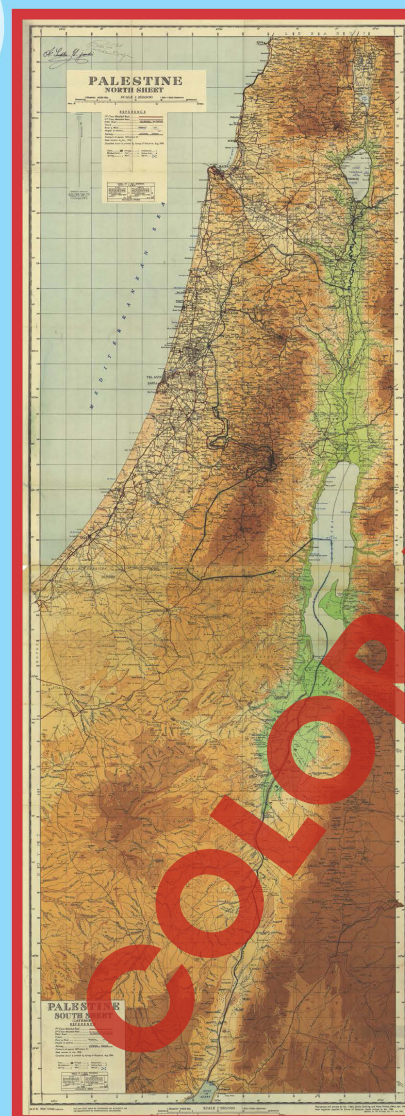
Part B

Match the leader on the left with their actions on the right.

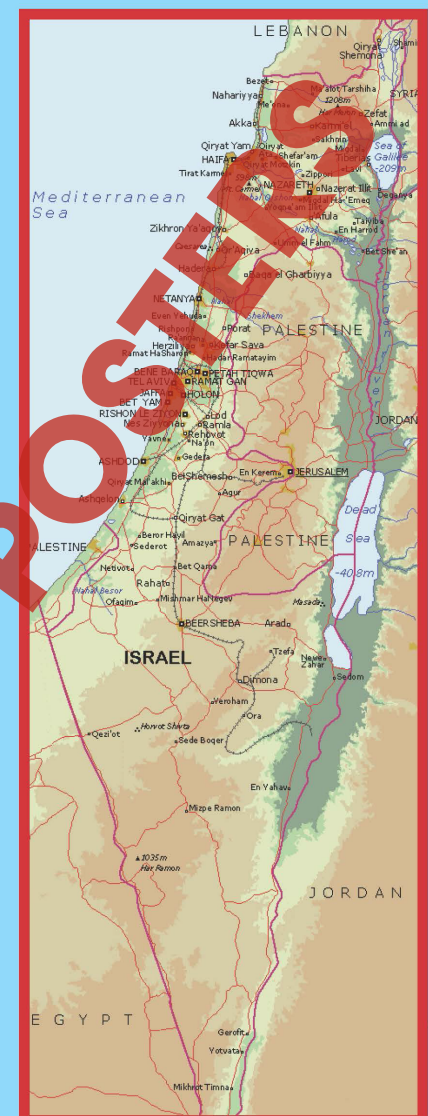
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|---|-------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Bush | A | Organized the Rainbow Tour to meet with other world leaders |
| 2 | Mandela | B | Worked with Bush on immigration |
| 3 | The Perons | C | Took over his country after a coup |
| 4 | Fox | D | Invaded Iraq |
| 5 | Castro | E | Worked to end the AIDS epidemic in Africa |

SUBTOTAL: /10

Map of Palestine



Before



After



Writing Tasks



1. Think about what you have learned about Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, and Mikhail Gorbachev. Use the Compare and Contrast Pyramid found on page 11. Describe how the leaders are different from each other in the outside triangles. Explain how they are similar in the inside pyramid. Use the graphic organizer in order to write a four paragraph essay.
2. Imagine what the world would be like if The Cold War did not end. Write a four paragraph description of how you think the world would be different.
3. Select one of the countries you have just studied. Write a one-page research paper about your country, including the capital, government, agriculture, industry, and history. You may use the Internet and library to help you.
4. Yasser Arafat worked to end fighting in the Middle East, but his plan did not work for long. Write a one-page peace plan for the Middle East. *Include any ideas you have for ending the violence and getting leaders together to talk.*
5. Use the Snapshots Organizer on page 12 to summarize the Perons' rise to power. Use supporting details from the reading passage to help you. Your summary should be one to two paragraphs.
6. Several of the leaders you have learned about made decisions that changed their country and the world. Select one leader you have studied. Evaluate their decisions and choices. Do you agree with their decisions? Would you have made the same choices?

All answers will vary

Across:

1. Gorbachev
3. Ronald Reagan
7. George W. Bush
9. Juan Peron
10. The Dalai Lama
12. Mandela
13. Vicente Fox

Down:

1. Gandhi
2. Castro
4. arms
6. release
7. groomed
8. Zemin
10. Thatcher
11. Arafat

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

