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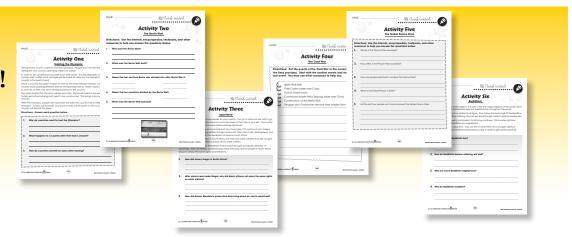
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## Mikhail Gorbachev

1. Circle the word TRUE if the statement is TRUE Of Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

a) Gorbachev worked with Castro to help end the Cold War. TRUE **FALSE** 

b) Gorbachev worked with Reagan to eliminate some nuclear weapons. **TRUE FALSE** 

c) Gorbachev did not allow citizens to own their own business

**TRUE FALSE** 

d) Freedom of speech was made legal

TRUE

e) Gorbachev is still active in environ

**TRUE FALSE** 

2. In your own words, summarize how people in Russia reacted to their new freedoms.

3. Mikhail Gorbache once said, "If not me, who? And if not now, when?" In your opinion, what does this quote say about Gorbachev as a person? Your answer should be two to three sentences.

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Reading Passage

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mikhail Gorbachev

ikhail Gorbachev was the last leader of the Soviet Union (Russia) before it **collapsed**. He was also the first elected President of the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev worked with Reagan and Thatcher to end the Cold Wo He developed close relationships with both leaders. Gorbachev and Reagan met many times to eliminate many nuclear weapons. This helped end the arms race and the Cold War.

Gorbachev wanted to improve the lives of his citizens. He allowed freedom of speech, which was against the law before. He allowed people to open and own their own businesses. Before he made this change, businesses and stores were owned by the government.



He also held the first election in his country since the Cold War. He was voted the first President of the Soviet Union

Gorbachev also opened his country to Western goods. This allowed free trade and let people have more choices. He helped to end food shortages and gave his people greater freedom. People decided that they liked having choices. They wanted even more freedom. This led to the collapse of his country.

Mikhail Gorbachev left the government after a coup. He is now very active in environmental issues. He was given the Nobel Peace Prize because of his efforts to improve his country and the world.

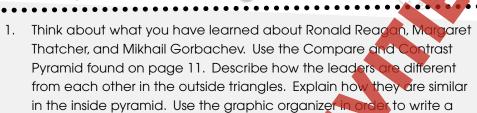
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four paragraph essay.



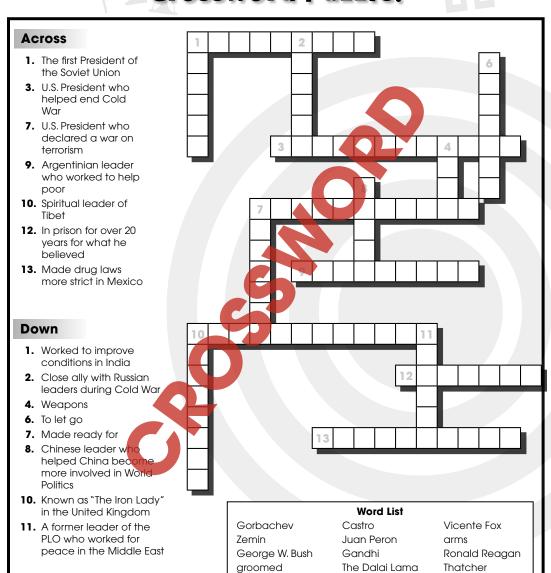
- 2. Imagine what the world would be like if The Cold War did not end. Write a four paragraph description of how voluthink the world would be different.
- 3. Select one of the countries you have just studied. Write a one-page research paper about your country, including the capital, government, agriculture, 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 d. Evaluate their decisions and choices. Do you agree with their isions? Would you have made the same choices?







### **Crossword Puzzle!**



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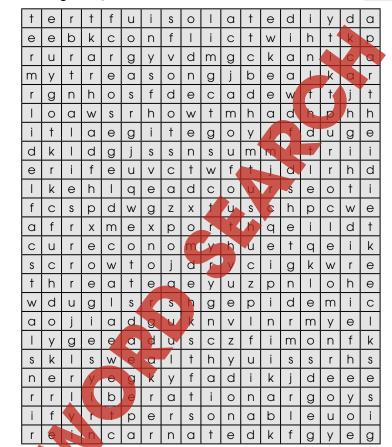
Mandela



After You Read

### **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 aid term hostage corrupt epidemic treason linked apartheid isolated surplus citizens decade

reincarnated export conflict fled allies highjack course

release threat economy goods wealthy personable liberation

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NAME:



Arafat



### Comprehension Quiz



Part A

1. Circle the word TRUE if the statement is TRUE Of Circle the word FALSE if it is FALSE.

a) Yasser Arafat always worked for peace in the Middle Ed

**FALSE** TRUE b) China has allowed the Dalai Lama to return to Tibet **FALSE** 

c) Thatcher, Reagan, and Gorbachev worked to end the Cold War. **TRUE FALSE** 

d) Indira Gandhi created a food shortage

e) Mandela helped apartheid spread in Sa

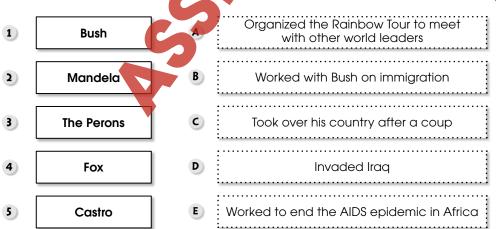
**TRUE FALSE** 

TRUE

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Part B

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



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## Hands-On Activity # 1







- 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.
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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. Costro EDE

- 7. groomed
- 8. Zemin
- 10. Thatcher
- 11. Arafat









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