



WEEKLY HOME STUDY PACKAGE - WEEK 2 (12/07/21 – 16/07/21)

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| Subject | HISTORY | Year/Level | 13C |
| Strand | Global conflict/ war | | |
| Sub-strand | Cold War; Arms Race | | |
| Content Learning Outcome | Discuss how the Arms Race contributed to increased tension. | | |

Lesson notes

Arms Race

The USA and USSR, Both sides are now organised into two major military alliances, NATO in the west and the Warsaw Pact in the East.



By 1955 the world was a more dangerous place to live in; each side was living in fear of another. Therefore the USA and USSR (superpowers) started to build their armies and weapons and as a result each side felt more threatened and so consequently they built even more weapons.

- 1952 USA Hydrogen Bomb (H Bomb)
- 1953 USSR Hydrogen Bomb
- 1957 USSR test Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)
- 1958 USA test ICBM
- 1959 USA launches submarine loaded with nuclear weapons
- 1966 USSR builds Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) to protect Moscow

The Cold War has become very serious as both sides focused on the development of the H Bomb, 2500 times stronger than the Hiroshima Bomb. **Mutually Assured Destruction (M.A.D)** become increasingly more likely, e.g. in the event of a nuclear war both sides would be wiped out. By the 1960s, they could both deliver nuclear weapons across continents at high speed, USA had 8000 ICBMs and USSR had 7000ICBMs and both developed ABM to counteract ICBM. In theory they would restrain one another from attacking.

The superpowers began working on missile technology that could put rockets into space; this became known as the **Space Race**.

Activity

1. Name the two military alliances

(2 marks)

2. Explain a reason why USA and USSR built more weapons

(2 marks)

3. Explain why the rivalry between USA and USSR became very dangerous.

(2 marks)

4. Name which countries are represented by the Bear and Eagle

(2 marks)

5. Describe the doctrine **Mutually Assured Destruction (M.A.D)**

(2 marks)

6. Explain why USA and USSR involved themselves in the Space Race.

(2 marks)