

**Review Activity 2: How did the United States and the USSR cause the Cold War to escalate between 1945 and 1955?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

Consolidate your learning by filling in the table below the actions and reactions of the two superpowers that worsened tensions, and then explain how each action/reaction contributed to the development of the Cold War.

Use the example below as a guide.

| Key Events | Description of Key Events  | Explanation of its role in worsening tensions or contributing to the development of the Cold War  |
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|            | What was the event about? Who was involved?<br>Why did the United States / the USSR carry out such an action?<br>Are there any examples to highlight the action? | How did the other side perceive the action/ event?<br>Why did they see the action / event in that way?<br>Did the other side react? If so, how?<br>What did it lead to – greater fear, anger or distrust? |

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| <p>The USSR extended its influence:</p> <p>Communist takeover of Eastern Europe (1945-1949)</p> |                           |  |
| <p>The United States announced the Truman Doctrine (March 1947 onwards)</p>                     |                           |  |

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| <p>The United States implemented the Marshall Plan (June 1947 onwards)</p>       |  |  |
| <p>The USSR formed the Cominform (September 1947) and Comecon (January 1949)</p> |  |  |

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| <p>The USSR imposed the blockade on Berlin (1948-1949)</p> |  |  |
| <p>Formation of NATO (1949)</p>                            |  |  |

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| Formation<br>of Warsaw<br>Pact (1955) |  |  |
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