Cold War Timeline

Yalta Conference – Feb 1945

War vs. Germany Ends – June 1945

Potsdam Conference - July 1945

Churchill & Iron Curtain Speech – Mar 1946

Truman Doctrine (Containment) – Mar 1947

Berlin Blockade – June 1948 to May 1949

China become communist – Oct 1949

Korean War – June 1950 to July 1953

Stalin Dies – March 1953

CIA Coup in Iran – August 1953

CIA Coup in Guatemala – June 1954

Khrushchev Leads USSR – 1955

Crises in Poland and Hungary – 1956

Suez Crisis – Nov 1956

Launch of Sputnik – Oct 1957

Start of the Sino-Soviet Split – 1959-1963

Paris Summit – May 1960

Kennedy becomes President – Jan 1961
Bay of Pigs Invasion – Apr 1961

Vienna Conference – June 1961

Berlin Wall – Aug 1961

Cuban Missile Crisis – Oct 1962

Temporary Détente – 1963 to 1964

Vietnam War – Aug 1964 to Mar 1973


Tet Offensive (Vietnam War) – Jan 1968

Nixon becomes President – Nov 1968

End of the Vietnam War – Early 1973

Major Sino-Soviet Split – 1969

Arab-Israeli War – Oct 1973

Iran Hostage Crisis – Nov 1979 to Jan 1981

Afghanistan Invasion – Dec 1979

Reagan become President – Nov 1981

Gorbachev leads USSR – Mar 1985

Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster – Apr 1986

Glasnost and Perestroika – 1986

The End of the Cold War – 1989 to 1991