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Why did the Cold War end?
Lesson 3 - The Invasion of
Afghanistan



Learning Gain - by the end of this lesson I will be able to explain the main reasons for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.



Learning Steps:



- Identify the main features of the events and developments in Afghanistan in 1978
- Interrogate and explain the main reasons for the Soviet invasion



Afghanistan

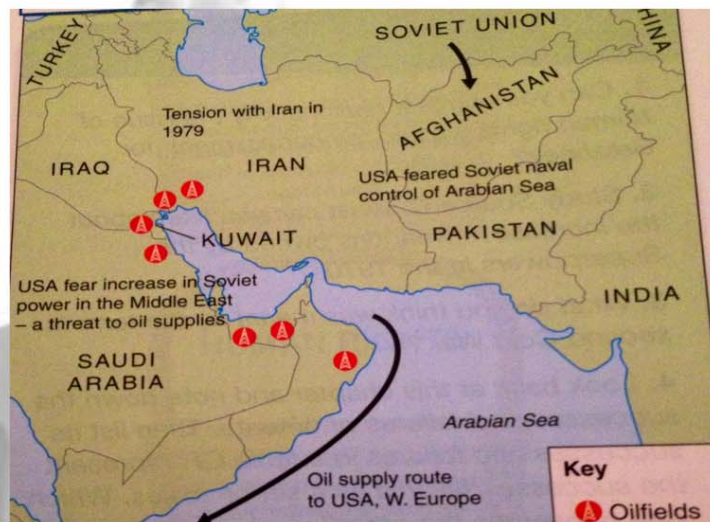
Why do you think this country became so important during the Cold War? Discuss in pairs



Why was Afghanistan important?

START

In 1979, the Soviets invaded Afghanistan. This renewed tensions between the USA and USSR following a period of detente.



The USA feared Soviet naval control of the Arabian Sea and were concerned about an increase of Soviet power in the Middle East. This could pose a threat to their oil supplies.

Background to the invasion



The USSR had been giving aid to Afghanistan since the 1950's.

In 1973 the Afghan monarchy was overthrown and a Soviet-backed communist group came to power.

The communist government started to introduce Soviet-style communist reforms and this upset most of the Afghan population, many of who were Muslims.



What caused the Soviets to invade?

Main



Sort the cards into chronological order in your groups

Create a timeline of the key events in your books

Success criteria:

- Include the event, the date, and the key piece of information
- Underline the key names and dates

Consequences of the invasion

Main



Although the Soviets quickly captured Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, they could not defeat the mujahideen, who remained in control of the countryside (over 80% of Afghanistan). They used the geography to fight a guerrilla war.

The Soviets had no training or experience fighting in mountains. In total the Soviets launched nine offensives between 1980 and 1985, with little success.

In 1988 Gorbachev announced a full withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Sound familiar?!



Homework

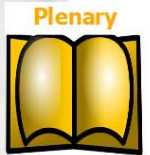


EXAM PRACTICE

Answer the following question for next lesson

Describe one cause of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (2 marks)

Remember: give one cause then explain your answer



Watch the video and then answer the following reflective questions:

1. What do you think was the main reason why the Soviets invaded Afghanistan?
2. How do you think the Americans will respond to the Soviet invasion?