

**18th September**



## How did a Cold War Develop? Lesson 7: The Iron Curtain is Drawn



Learning objectives:



*As a result of today's learning...*

**All Learners:**

Will have **thought** about what Churchill meant by the "Iron Curtain", **list** what Stalin did in the Soviet sphere of influence and **thought** about Stalin's motives for his actions.



**Most Learners:**

Will **understand** about what Churchill meant by the "Iron Curtain", **know** what Stalin did in the Soviet sphere of influence and **discuss** possible motives for Stalin's actions.



**Some Learners:**

Will be able to **discuss** what Churchill meant by the "Iron Curtain", **explain** what Stalin did in the Soviet sphere of influence and **debate** possible motives for Stalin's actions.



**Learning objectives:**

***I know I will have made progress in my learning today if I can...***

Reflect and Connect



What was my main concern at Yalta in 1945?



What was that fat capitalist pig's personal view of me - the Great Stalin?



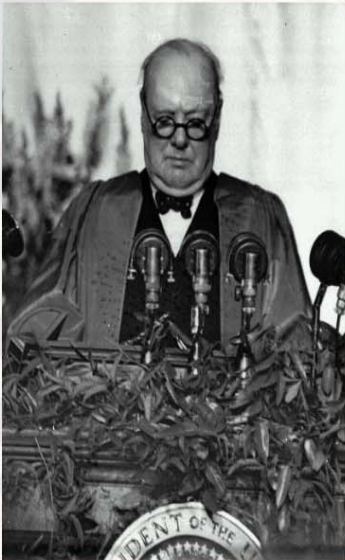


"What was Churchill's main concern at Yalta in 1945?"



"What was his personal attitude towards Stalin?"

## "Sinews of Peace" speech made in the USA, March 1946.



From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic an "iron curtain" has descended across the continent.

Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe.

Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia;

all these famous cities and the populations around them lie in what I must call the Soviet sphere,

and all are subject, in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high

and in some cases increasing measure of control from Moscow.

In his speech to the Americans he was warning of what he always thought the Soviets were planning to do - creating a communist empire in eastern and central Europe.



Although the speech was received badly by some, who accused Churchill of "war mongering", it quickly became apparent that indeed Stalin and the USSR were "drawing an iron curtain across Europe."



**Give a clear and articulate explanation of what the "Iron Curtain" was...**



**One minute thinking time before one of you goes...**



Churchill's speech was not welcomed in the USSR and helped to worsen the poor relations that were developing.

## HOWEVER WAS CHURCHILL WRONG?

What had Stalin agreed to allow to happen in Soviet occupied/liberated countries at the Potsdam Conference?

Imperialist Dog



Communist Devil

Far from allowing free and democratic elections in these countries, the Soviets moved quickly to establish Soviet satellite state.

A **satellite state** (sometimes referred to as a **client state**) is a political term that refers to a country that is formally independent, but under heavy political and economic influence or control by another country



Main





Why did Stalin not fulfill his promises?



## Main



Stalin was eager to expand the influence and power of the Soviet Union and the communist ideology.

The USSR wanted to create a world-wide revolution and bring all nations under the communist system.

However twice in 30 years Russia had been invaded by Germany through Poland. They had suffered enormous and devastating death and destruction. Stalin was determined that this would not happen again. The satellite states would provide a buffer against the west.

He also wanted to see Germany made permanently weak.

## WHAT ABOUT THE SATELLITE STATES THEMSELVES?

It meant 50 years of brutal dictatorship, all their rights and freedoms controlled by "puppet Soviet governments".

It meant that their national identities would be absorbed by the USSR.

Some were safely brainwashed by Soviet propaganda, some continued to secretly oppose the communist system, most just tried to live quiet lives.

Stalin created organisations to counter the west and control his Empire:



COMECON - an economic group of communist countries which traded and supported each other - rival to the Marshall Plan and EEC in the west.



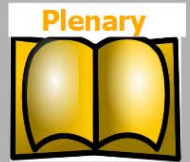
COMINFORM - **Communist Information Bureau** a Stalinist tool to keep all communist parties around Europe speaking with one voice - propaganda tool.

**Warsaw Pact** - this was the military of the communist east.  
The rival of the west's NATO.

The two forces would be heavily armed with conventional and nuclear weapons and faced each other across sometimes 100 meters of barbed wire during the Cold War.



**The class is going to be divided into 3 sections:**



**Section 1: Will review material linked to Churchill's warning about the Iron Curtain.**

**Section 2: Will review what and why Stalin was doing what he was.**

**Section 3: Will review the effects of all this on the satellite countries.**



**In 6 minutes one person from each section will be questioned under the Spotlight.**

Complete this question in your plenary booklet.

Homework



Plenary



**Week Two:**

Describe what Churchill meant by the Iron Curtain in 1946?  
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**REMEMBER**

