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**Europe and the Cold War**

Directions: For each of the events listed below, research and then provide a brief description of the event and how it relates to and impacted the Cold War. Once each event has a description, place the events in chronological order on a horizontal or vertical timeline. After you have completed the timeline, you need to pick the event you believe to be the most significant regarding the Cold War. On the back of the timeline, write a paragraph (minimum 5, grade-level sentences) explaining why the event you chose was the most significant to the Cold War.

**Cold War Events:**

* Potsdam Conference
* Hungarian Revolution
* Berlin divided into two currency zones
* Berlin Blockade
* Formation of NATO
* Construction of the Berlin Wall
* Mikhail Gorbachev becomes leader of Soviet Union
* End of Berlin Blockade
* Gorbachev resigns
* Poland declares independence
* Chernobyl disaster
* Hungary proclaims itself a Republic
* German reunification
* Berlin Wall Falls
* US President Ronald Reagan visits Berlin
* Berlin Airlift

**Grading Criteria:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 points** Accurate descriptions for each event are provided. Descriptions also include information on how the event fits in the larger context of the Cold War. Descriptions provided are in the student’s own words.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 points** Timeline is in correct chronological order.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_/5 points** Timeline is neat and legible.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 10 points** Student chose one event to be considered the most significant to the Cold War and provided a written explanation as to why. The explanation demonstrates thought and analysis of not only the event but of the Cold War. Errors in grammar and syntax do not take away from the explanation.