

# Chapter 26, Section 1

## Origins of the Cold War

(Pages 778–782)

### Reason To Read

**Setting a Purpose for Reading** Think about these questions as you read:

- What were the growing tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union at the end of World War II?
- What were the goals of Stalin’s foreign policy immediately after the war?

### Main Idea

As you read pages 778–782 in your textbook, complete the graphic organizer below by filling in the names of the conferences held among the “Big Three” Allies and the outcomes of each.

Conference	Outcome

### Sequencing Events

As you read, place the following events on the time line below.

- Churchill delivers “iron curtain” speech
- Truman and Stalin meet in Potsdam
- Declaration of Liberated Europe is issued
- Truman becomes president

◆ Feb. 1945

◆ July 1945

◆ Dec. 1945

◆ May 1946

**A Clash of Interests** (pages 778–779)

**Clarifying**

*As you read, write down the main concerns of the Soviet Union and the United States during this time in history to help you clarify the material in this lesson.*

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**Terms To Know**

*Define or describe the following key term from this lesson.*

**Cold War**

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**Terms To Review**

*Use each of these terms, which you studied in an earlier chapter, in a sentence that reflects the term's meaning in this lesson.*

**secure**  
(Chapter 2, Section 1)

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**strike**  
(Chapter 7, Section 2)

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**The Yalta Conference** (pages 779–781)

**Determining the Main Idea**

*As you read, write down the main idea of the passage. Review your statement when you have finished reading and revise as needed.*

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**Academic Vocabulary**

*Define the following academic vocabulary word from this lesson.*

**element**

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**Terms To Review**

*Use each of these terms, which you studied in an earlier chapter, in a sentence that reflects the term's meaning in this lesson.*

**temporary**

(Chapter 7, Section 4)

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**indication**

(Chapter 17, Section 2)

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**Truman Takes Control** (pages 781–782)

**Scanning**

*Look over this lesson and write a sentence or two explaining, in your own words, the issues of the Potsdam Conference.*

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**Terms To Know**

*Define or describe the following key term from this lesson.*

**iron curtain**

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**Terms To Review**

Use each of these terms, which you studied in an earlier chapter, in a sentence that reflects the term's meaning in this lesson.

**cooperating**  
(Chapter 15, Section 4)

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**impose**  
(Chapter 2, Section 3)

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**Section Wrap-up**

Now that you have read the section, answer these questions from *Setting a Purpose for Reading* at the beginning of the section.

What were the growing tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union at the end of World War II?

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What were the goals of Stalin's foreign policy immediately after the war?

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