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The cold war was one of the wars that would have established what country or country would have most of the power within the world for years to come. The cold war included many world powers and seemed like it was more of a power showdown than a war. After WW2 many countries were at ease except for the United States along with major European countries such as the USSR. Both of these countries were still in high tensions with each other and they both had completely different ways of governing within the country. One of the main reasons for the cold war was the attempt to spread communism, this was also one of the reasons why WW2 was started and fueled parts of the war. Many would argue that communism is something that can aid countries who are otherwise helpless, while this argument can be made the fact still stands that a whole country would not completely agree on being governed through communism which is why these wars occurred. While the Cold war didn't do as much damage as other wars in this time era it still impacted countries in major ways and once again made these countries have to display their power both economically and combatively.

The cold war started off a bit after WW2 ended in the summer of 1945. Tensions were still at an all-time high due to WW2, even though the war had come to an end it wasn't an end that every party agreed was happy with. Many leaders either had to surrender or were either overthrown such as Mussolini in Italy ("The Allied Landings in Europe and the Defeat of the Axis Powers."). At the end of this war, the two countries who came out dominant over the rest were the United States as well as the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was composed of a few communist European countries with the most significant being Russia. Russia along with the Soviet Union was a powerful

country at the time due to its military power, the ability to have armed forces inland, in air, and in the sea is the reason why the soviet union was a triumph in times of war.

With all of this power, the Soviet Union decided to broaden their horizons, something they shouldn't have done since those are factors for WW2. The Soviets chose to ignore this and went on with their plan, one of the first places on their list, Czechoslovakia. The reason for this "take-over" was the reformist nature of Czechoslovakia which the Soviet Union didn't like. If it was the Soviets, all of Europe would be under communist rule. The soviet union was not able to take over Czechoslovakia as they wanted which was a significant setback for them within the cold war itself, The Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia was significant in the sense that it delayed the splintering of Eastern European Communism and was concluded without provoking any direct intervention from the West ("Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968."). The soviet union also tried to dominate other countries outside of Europe and so did their communist allies. Both sides of Vietnam battled each other due to political views and so did both sides of Korea, at the times things didn't get out of hand due to aid from bigger and stronger countries such as the U.S and European countries; furthermore, at the time NATO and the Warsaw pact were created which formed alliances that prevented something like WW2 happening again, NATO in simplicity was formed to combat the spread of communism, while the Warsaw pact strengthened the pound between the Soviet Union and other communist countries("Toward a New World Order.").

Since both of these alliances halted the spread of communism there were still things left to fight about which was, who is the more dominant country. During these

years a lot of technological advances were especially warfare technology and more significantly the atomic bomb. At the time in the early 1950s, the US was the only country that was fully able to launch an atomic bomb and kill millions of people within seconds. Other countries saw the advances the US made and decided to make ones of their own. Both China and Russia were very close behind in the race for owning the perfect atomic bomb which is exactly what happened (“Toward a New World Order.”). Now that all 3 of these countries possessed an atomic bomb in a time of war there was no clue on if any country used them but the threat was there and everyone knew. This was the frost of many competitions that would happen between these powerful countries. The next competition that would lead to frenzy within countries was missile launches. Since technological advances were advanced enough to create an atomic bomb it made it much easier for governments and militaries to fire missiles at each other possibly causing fatalities. The main problem with the missiles was that the Soviet Union possessed them but more that they were so close to US territory while amidst a war. Both the US and Soviet Union did threaten each other with missile bombings but they remained as threats which aiding in war not becoming so violent as ones in the past. The last competition came with ownership of being the first country to reach the moon. The only two countries powerful and advanced enough to achieve this was the US and Soviet Union, as they both went head to head for the title it was the U.S that came out triumph and also left them with what seemed to be the title of the most advanced and strongest country. \

After all of these advances were made the Soviet union still fell short of being able to spread communism and conquer. They tried to take control of many Latin

American countries but failed but to those countries having US and such as in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala("Cold War."). Once this happens the Soviet union kept weakening until it completely was split up making what is mostly Europe today. These actions were eventually led to peace treaties and later the end of the cold war. The ending of this war left most of the world in a more peaceful state. Since the US won a lot of the war they were the ones who had the power for years to come, almost every country in the world is aided by the U.S in times of need and this war displayed all of the reasons the U.S remains as strong as they are today.

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