

Cold War Events for Self-Study

Begin reading Walter LaFeber's *America, Russia, and the Cold War, 1945-2000*. Do **not** skip the parts that do not relate directly to the events: You will be unable to analyze them properly without the context of the conflict. You may find it useful to look at the lecture notes (which include the chronology) for my *National Security Strategy* class. These are available on the web at <http://polisci.ucsd.edu/slantchev/courses/nss/>. You are to concentrate on the following events:

- Berlin Blockade & Airlift, 1947-48
- Korean War, 1950-53
- Hungarian Revolt, 1956
- Suez War, 1956
- Berlin Crisis, 1961
- Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
- First Persian Gulf War, 1991

For each event, note the following:

1. Who were the actors involved?
2. What were their beliefs and information?
3. What were their options?
4. What were their expectations about the opponent?
5. What were their goals?

If you manage to answer each of the above questions, you will be able to analyze each event. Apply all the tools and knowledge you have acquired in this course so far. Think in terms of bargaining strategies, expectations, and strategic uses of force. Expect to see questions relating to these events on the final.