**Cold War Timeline Assignment**

Throughout this week, we will discuss various developments in the Cold War across the globe. For this assignment, you will place these various events on a timeline so that you can easily chronologically follow the Cold War from beginning to end.

Your first step is to draw a timeline and place the following events on it in *proper order.* **Remember to include years!:**

**Day 1 Topics**

1. The Yalta Conference takes place
2. The Marshall Plan is implemented
3. The Truman Doctrine is issued
4. Nikita Khruschev becomes leader of the USSR
5. The Korean War (list beginning and end date)
6. The Warsaw Pact is formed
7. Russia launches Sputnik I
8. The Berlin Wall is built
9. The Warsaw Pact is formed
10. The Cuban Missile Crisis
11. Neil Armstrong lands on the Moon
12. The Vietnam War (list beginning and end date)
13. The Great Leap Forward begins
14. The Cultural Revolution begins
15. Deng Xiaoping becomes leader of China
16. The Tiananmen Square Massacre takes place
17. Leonid Brezhnev becomes leader of the Soviet Union
18. The Iranian Revolution begins
19. The Iranian Hostage Crisis begins
20. The Soviet Union invades Afghanistan
21. Mikhail Gorbachev becomes leader of the USSR
22. The Berlin Wall collapses
23. The Soviet Union is dissolved/The Cold War ends

Please make your timeline visually interesting. You are more than welcome to color it in or draw pictures. 10 points of your grade for this assignment will be based on how easy it is to read your timeline and how visually appealing it is.

After your timeline is complete, on a separate sheet of paper, write an explanation of the event and why it is important. For example, for the Marshall Plan, stating that “the U.S. gave money to Europe” is insufficient. For full credit, include details, such as the fact billions of dollars were given to Europe to help them rebuild after WWII, and the U.S. did this to fight European poverty and stop the spread of communism.

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| Timeline Accuracy (50 points) | ALL of the 21 events are placed on the timeline accurately, including the year(s) where they took place. | Most of the 21 events are placed on the timeline accurately. Some years are missing. | Few to none of the 21 events are placed on the timeline accurately. |
| Visual Appeal (10 points) | The timeline is clean and easy to read. Color and drawings are used to make it visually appealing. | The timeline is somewhat messy, but still legible. A bit visually bland, but easy to understand. | The timeline is illegible and/or is missing any visual flair. |
| Event Descriptions (40 points) | ALL of the 21 events’ importance are sufficiently explained in a separate Google Doc. | The events’ importance are not sufficiently explained/ more details are necessary OR not all 21 events are explained. | Few of the 21 events are explained OR the descriptions are severely lacking in details that explain their importance |