

## SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE

**Directions:** Carefully read the information below. Then use the historical background, the cartoons, and the excerpts to answer the questions on the other side of this page.

### Historical Background

The political, economic, and military power shifts caused by World War II were leading causes of the Cold War, with the free world on one side and the Soviet states on the other.

### Political Cartoons



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### Excerpts

“A shadow has fallen... an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe... the populations around them lie in what I must call the Soviet sphere, and all are subject, in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and in some cases increasing measure of control from Moscow...”

—from the “Iron Curtain Speech” by Winston Churchill, March 5, 1946

“...what can there be surprising about the fact that the Soviet Union, anxious for its future safety, is trying to see to it that governments loyal in their attitude to the Soviet Union should exist in these countries? How can anyone who has not taken leave of his senses describe these peaceful aspirations of the Soviet Union as expansionist tendencies...?”

—from *Pravda*, Joseph Stalin’s Response to the “Iron Curtain Speech,” March 14, 1946

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ASSESSMENT CODE

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**1. Which two countries are represented in the political cartoons?**

**2. What does Winston Churchill mean when he says, “an iron curtain has descended across the Continent”?**

**3. Using the excerpts and your knowledge of history, explain Churchill’s point of view and Stalin’s response. How do the political cartoons and the excerpts bring out different perspectives of the Cold War?**

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