Crash Course European History: Viewing Guide
Episode 41: The Cold War

Terms to know from this episode:
- Yalta Conference
- Potsdam Conference
- Nuremberg Trials
- United Nations
- Harry Truman
- Marshall Plan
- Sputnik
- Berlin Airlift
- NATO
- Warsaw Pact
- Korean War

1. For context, list which major powers were on which side in WWII, and what form of economic system each had before the war.

   **Allied Powers**
   
   **Axis Powers**

2. Who were the two superpowers who made up the different sides of the Cold War?

3. At the _______________________________ conference, the “Big Three” agreed that German surrender needed to be total and unconditional, while the Soviets got concessions about Soviet influence in Poland.

4. Later at the ________________________________ conference, they divided Germany and Berlin into 4 zones: French, British, American, and Soviet. They also planned how to punish German leaders.

5. “But unlike the _______________________________ [of Nations], the ________________ would also be able to take collective action in case of aggression threatening member states–both through international economic sanctions and via a truly global armed force…”

6. ______________________________ got the group to agree that any member of the ________________________________ could have veto power, which has limited its power dramatically.

7. “Recent studies show the Soviet Union may have suffered as many as _________ million wartime dead.”

   The ______________________________, not the profits, had been huge.

8. With victory declared, US President ______________________________________________ immediately cut off aid to the USSR, whose people were literally starving due to the massive destruction.
9. The United States sent goods and money to help rebuild war-torn nations in what was formalized as the ______________________________________________ in 1948. The Soviets saw it as a bribe to gain support for America, and the USSR was too impoverished to match the funds.

10. **Point of View (POV) Practice:** How did some view the communist parties in the East and why?

11. What was the Berlin Airlift, and how did it start?

12. In ____________, Communists under Mao Zedong took over ____________________________.

13. What were Stalin's purges?

14. In 1949, the Soviets ________________________________, and in 1957 they launched a satellite named ________________ into space. Both events stoked fear in the West.

15. The 1949 creation of _____________________________ (in the West) and the _______________________________ (in the East), along with the formal declaration of West German and East Germany as separate countries, led to a formalized geopolitical division of the world.

16. “________________________________________________________ broadcast news and propaganda in 38 languages.”

17. Some cooperation happened across the iron curtain, such as the distribution of the _______________ vaccine in Hungary. Yet when the Hungarians rebelled in ________________________, the US did not intervene.

18. Name a proxy war that was fought during the Cold War:

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