



**PLANIT**  
TEACHERS

# Introduction to the History of International Relations

## Homework Sheet

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction and Instructions

Welcome to the Introduction to the History of International Relations homework sheet! This activity is designed to support your learning objectives in understanding the key events and milestones that have shaped the modern international relations landscape.

#### Instructions:

- Read each section carefully and complete the activities to the best of your ability.
- Use the provided space to answer questions and complete tasks.
- Make sure to manage your time effectively and allocate sufficient time for each activity.

## Timeline of Major Events

Create a timeline of the major events in the history of international relations, from the Treaty of Westphalia (1648) to the present day. Include the following events:

- The Congress of Vienna (1815)
- The outbreak of World War I (1914)
- The Treaty of Versailles (1919)
- The outbreak of World War II (1939)
- The formation of the United Nations (1945)
- The Cold War (1945-1991)
- The collapse of the Soviet Union (1991)
- The War on Terror (2001-present)

## Timeline of Major Events (Continued)

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## Case Study - The Cold War

Choose a specific aspect of the Cold War, such as the Berlin Blockade, the Cuban Missile Crisis, or the Soviet-Afghan War. Research and write a 2-3 page case study on the chosen topic, including:

- An introduction to the event or issue
- A description of the key players and their interests
- An analysis of the impact of the event or issue on the Cold War and international relations
- A conclusion on the significance of the event or issue in the context of the Cold War

## Case Study - The Cold War (Continued)

## Reflective Essay

Write a reflective essay on the significance of the history of international relations in understanding contemporary global issues. Consider the following questions:

- How have historical events shaped the modern international relations landscape?
- What are the implications of historical events for contemporary global issues, such as terrorism, climate change, and economic inequality?
- How can an understanding of the history of international relations inform decision-making and policy development in the present day?

## Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question:

1. What was the significance of the Treaty of Westphalia (1648)?
  - a) It marked the beginning of the modern system of international relations
  - b) It ended the Cold War
  - c) It formed the United Nations
  - d) It started World War I
2. Which of the following was a major event during the Cold War?
  - a) The Berlin Blockade
  - b) The Cuban Missile Crisis
  - c) The Soviet-Afghan War
  - d) All of the above
3. What is the main purpose of studying the history of international relations?
  - a) To understand contemporary global issues
  - b) To learn about historical events
  - c) To develop critical thinking skills
  - d) To prepare for a career in international relations

## Short Answer Questions

Answer each question in 1-2 paragraphs:

1. What were the main causes and consequences of World War I?

2. How did the Cold War affect international relations during the 20th century?

3. What are the implications of the collapse of the Soviet Union for contemporary global issues?

## Conclusion and Self-Assessment

Congratulations on completing the Introduction to the History of International Relations homework sheet! Take a few minutes to reflect on your learning and assess your own understanding of the history of international relations.

### Self-Assessment:

- What did you learn from this activity?
- What would you like to learn more about?
- How can you apply your knowledge of the history of international relations to contemporary global issues?