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**1946: The Iron Curtain and the Cold War**

 After reading the provided article and reviewing the pictures, timelines, maps, and charts contained within, respond to the following questions. Be sure to use and describe as much specific detail from the article as you can in your responses.

1. What is the thesis or “main idea” of this article?
2. What specific evicence is used to support the main idea? (Describe at least 3)
3. In his “Iron Curtain” speech, Winston Churchill described what he called “the Soviet sphere”. Explain what he was describing AND what he was warning his audience about.
4. Explain what is meant by the term “cold war”.
5. How are the concepts of “brinksmanshipp” and “containment” interrelated? What distinguishes one from the other?
6. What is an “arms race”? Using specific examples, describe how the arms race played out between the US and Soviet Union during the cold war.
7. What role did the arms race competition between the two superpowers play in the downfall of the Soviet Union?
8. What event marks the end of the cold war? Why was that event a significant moment?