

Cold War America Pre-Assessment

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BREAKING NEWS: You are a reporter for an international news organization that has just been transported back in time to America during the Cold War to cover a breaking news story that you know nothing about. Given that you probably do not know very much about the country at this time, what DO you know? How are you going to fill time on the air? What is the Cold War, anyway?

What do you know about the **location, culture, economy, education systems, and government** of America during the Cold War, and what can you make an educated guess about? What are you hoping to learn by being on the ground for this news story? Your producers have sent you back in time at a large expense – how are you going to prove your worth as a reporter? Write: 1) what you know, 2) what you think you know, and 3) what you would like to learn! Do NOT write “I don’t know.” Make an effort! If you don’t know, just make it up!