

DECOLONIZATION AND THE COLD WAR

Purpose

Reflecting on the relationship between the Cold War and decolonization will help you understand how the two conflicts were intertwined in some regions.

Process

1. How did the USA and USSR use their allies among newly independent nations in their ideological struggle against each other?

2. Which newly independent nation was most affected by the Cold War? Explain your choice.

3. Overall, do you think the Cold War did more to help or hinder newly independent nations? Explain your answer.

4. Does it seem like capitalism or communism was more attractive to newly independent nations? Why?

5. If you can, discuss your responses with a classmate and look for similarities and differences in your answers.