



Social Studies Virtual Learning

10th/World History

TARGET: Demonstrate how The Rosenbergs represent a changing kind of warfare in the post-WWII world.

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Lesson 24

Warm Up

Read the passage regarding the sign-stealing scandal in Major League Baseball. Do you think that spying is OK when trying to win a competition? Why? Is it ok to try and win at all cost? When have you spied on someone? Write your response in a paragraph.

The **Houston Astros sign stealing scandal** resulted from revelations that members of the [Houston Astros](#) organization in [Major League Baseball](#) (MLB) stole signs of opposing teams using technology during the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

For years, other MLB teams had suspected the Astros of stealing signs. Details about the team's activities were first publicly reported by journalists [Ken Rosenthal](#) and [Evan Drellich](#) for *The Athletic* in November 2019. [Mike Fiers](#), a pitcher who played for the Astros in 2017, told *The Athletic* that the organization used a video camera in center field to film the opposing catchers' signs to the pitchers. Astros players or team staffers watching the live camera feed behind the dugout would then signal to their batter what kind of pitch was coming. MLB opened an investigation into the allegations and in January 2020 confirmed that the Astros illegally used a camera system to steal signs during the 2017 regular season and postseason, during which they won the [World Series](#), as well as in part of the 2018 season. MLB found no evidence of illicit sign stealing in the [2019 season](#), in which the Astros advanced to and lost the [World Series](#).

Lesson Activity

Cold War Strategies The United States, the Soviet Union, and, in some cases, China, used a variety of techniques to gain influence in the Third World. (See feature on next page.) They backed wars of revolution, liberation, or counterrevolution. The U.S. and Soviet intelligence agencies—the CIA and the KGB—engaged in various covert, or secret, activities, ranging from spying to assassination attempts. The United States also gave military aid, built schools, set up programs to combat poverty, and sent volunteer workers to many developing nations. The Soviets offered military and technical assistance, mainly to India and Egypt.

Espionage, or spying, became one of the primary strategies of the U.S. and USSR during the Cold War. In this passage, what other ways did the Cold War foes “fight” each other, without actually going to war?

Lesson Activity

Here we have various strategies used by the US and the USSR to thwart and hinder each other during the Cold War. **Choose two** and investigate an example from each...respond in a paragraph (4-5 sentences) describing the examples you have chosen. So, 2 paragraphs describing 2 specific examples of Cold War strategies.

Major Strategies of the Cold War		
Foreign Aid	Espionage	Multinational Alliances
The two superpowers tried to win allies by giving financial aid to other nations. For instance, Egypt took aid from the Soviet Union to build the Aswan High Dam (see photograph above).	Fearing the enemy might be gaining the advantage, each side spied on the other. One famous incident was the Soviet downing of a U.S. U-2 spy plane in 1960.	To gain the support of other nations, both the Soviet Union and the United States entered into alliances. Two examples of this were NATO and the Warsaw Pact (shown on map above).
Propaganda	Brinkmanship	Surrogate Wars
Both superpowers used propaganda to try to win support overseas. For example, Radio Free Europe broadcast radio programs about the rest of the world into Eastern Europe.	The policy of brinkmanship meant going to the brink of war to make the other side back down. One example was the Cuban Missile Crisis.	The word surrogate means substitute. Although the United States and the Soviet Union did not fight each other directly, they fought indirectly by backing opposing sides in many smaller conflicts.

Practice

Let's examine Cold War espionage. Read the article below and respond:

- 1) What 3 types of secrets do spy organizations try to obtain?
- 2) What were the two main Cold War spy organizations?
- 3) Briefly summarize the case of the Rosenbergs.

Cold War Espionage

Practice Responses

1. Military, Government, Economic
2. CIA and KGB
3. Answers will vary...Rosenbergs were convicted and executed for spying for the Soviet Union against the USA

Reflection

Watch the brief news video about Chinese Security posters.

[Chinese Warning](#)

Do you believe espionage is a problem today, now that the Cold War has thawed?

Do you believe we are in a Cold War today with nations like China and Russia?

What does the video suggest about China's concerns?

Reflection Responses

1. Answers will vary, but espionage will always exist
2. Vary, but Evidence suggests yes we are still hindering China and Russia
3. China is very worried about spying occurring against their nation