

Détente Activity

1. Define détente:

2. Causes of Détente.

Explain why each of the reasons was important for pushing both the Soviet Union and the United States towards détente.

- a. The United States and the Soviet Union came very close to nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.
- b. American involvement in the Vietnam War from 1964-1973.
- c. In August 1968 the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations invaded Czechoslovakia to put down the Prague Spring. The Brezhnev Doctrine was announced.
- d. The Arms Race between the USSR and the United States was more equal by the mid-1970's and achieved MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction)
- e. Economic problems in the United States and the Soviet Union.
- f. The Sino-Soviet Split between the Soviet Union and China and improved relations between the United States and China (the United States agreed to let Communist China join the UN in 1971, and in 1972 Nixon visited China to increase trade ties between the two countries).

3. Détente included important agreements on the Arms Race and Human Rights between the USA and the Soviet Union from 1968-1979.

- a. Identify and describe the major agreements made in each of these areas. Your descriptions should include the important who, what, where, when, why and how details for each of the major agreements.

Strategic nuclear missiles, warheads and throw-weights of United States and USSR, 1964-82

Year	Launchers		Warheads		Megatonnage	
	USA	USSR	USA	USSR	USA	USSR
1964	2,416	375	6,800	500	7,500	1,000
1966	2,396	435	5,000	550	5,600	1,200
1968	2,360	1,045	4,500	850	5,100	2,300
1970	2,230	1,680	3,900	1,800	4,300	3,100
1972	2,230	2,090	5,800	2,100	4,100	4,000
1974	2,180	2,380	8,400	2,400	3,800	4,200
1976	2,100	2,390	9,400	3,200	3,700	4,500
1978	2,058	2,350	9,800	5,200	3,800	5,400
1980	2,042	2,490	10,000	6,000	4,000	5,700
1982	2,032	2,490	11,000	8,000	4,100	7,100

Source: Gerards Segal, *The Simon & Schuster Guide to the World Today*, (Simon & Schuster, 1987), p.82

in: Edwin Bacon, Mark Sandle, "Brezhnev Reconsidered", *Studies in Russian and East European History and Society* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2003)

Marking Rubric

Categories	Incomplete/Does Not Meet Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Exceeding Expectations
Student Fully Explains Why Each of the Events Contributed Towards Detente	-Student does not fully explain most of the reasons why each event contributed to Détente 2	-Student does not fully explain several of the reasons each event contributed to Détente 4	-Student fully explains most of the reasons each event contributed to Détente 6	-Student fully explains all of the reasons each event contributed to Détente 8
Reasons that Explain Why Détente Occurred Are Historically Plausible	-Most of the reasons are completely lacking explanation, logic, reason or plausibility 1	-Some of the reasons are lacking logic, explanation, reason or plausibility 2	-One of the reasons is lacking logic, explanation, reason or plausibility 3	-All of the reasons are logical, reasonable and plausible 4
All of the Important Arms Race and Human Rights Events That Were Part of Détente Are Included	-Many important events are not included 1	-Some important events are not included 2	-Most important events are included 3	-All important reasons are included for each perspective 4
Summaries of the Important Arms Race and Human Rights Events Are Accurate and Include All Important Information	-Summaries of the events include several inaccuracies and are missing a great deal of important information 1	-Summaries of the events include some inaccuracies and are missing some important information 2	-Summaries of the events include no inaccuracies, but are missing some important information 3	-Summaries of the events include no inaccuracies and include all important information 4