**MT 7 Project**

**The Cold War**

The cold war was a time of mass hysteria and fear all over the planet. In the US, people lived in fear of the Communist menace, and began turning on each other. The US policy of containment brought the world to the brink of nuclear destruction and back, and created the idea that the US was now the international police force in charge of keeping Communism from expanding around the globe. From Europe, to Asia, to South America and the Caribbean, the US and the USSR had showdown after showdown on whose way of life was supreme.

***In a 5-7 Page research paper, or 10 slide minimum power point presentation (3) or 7-10 page paper or 15 slide presentation (4), research the following…***

Create an argument as to whether the Cold War (1945-1991) was a time period that actually enhanced American life and security, or radically changed the mindset of the US forever, and not for the good.

In your research, you **must use at least 4 of the following for a level 3 and 6 for a level 4.**

* The Arms Race (Nuclear Weapons) and limitations treaties
* Berlin Airlift
* Truman Doctrine
* The McCarthy Era
* The Rosenberg Trial
* Berlin Wall
* Bay of Pigs Invasion
* Cuban Missile Crisis
* Space Race
* Medical advances
* Technological advances (Computers, etc…)
* Vietnam
* Detente
* Hippie Movement
* Beat movement
* Drug culture
* Watergate
* Iran-Contra
* Iranian hostage crisis
* Salvador Allende and Chile
* Fall of the wall