**Like the Butter Battle, but Better:**

**Create a Kids’ Storybook of the Cold War**

The Cold War was a massive rivalry between two of the most powerful countries of the modern age: the United States and the Soviet Union. Rivalries, competitions, fights, and drama are all fairly relatable in the life of a 6th grade middle schooler.

That’s why you and a partner will be creating a short, simplified storybook that explains the background and main events of the early Cold War- but in a way that the average 6th grader can understand.

Your book must have the following components:

1. **A cover page** with a picture, title, and the authors names (you). (10 points)
2. **An introduction**. You can’t start a story without giving a bit of background first. Your introduction should include the following terms: (20 points)
   * **superpower**
   * **capitalism**
   * **communism**
   * **Iron Curtain**
   * **arms race**
   * **Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan**
3. The following events: (70 points)
   * **The Berlin Airlift**
   * **The creation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact**
   * **The Chinese Revolution (and America’s involvement in it)**
   * **The Korean War**
   * **Covert operations in Iran and Guatemala**
   * **The launch of Sputnik (and Explorer-1)**
   * **The U-2 incident**
4. For each event, you must include the following:
   * An **explanation** of the event
   * A **picture** (can be drawn or printed)
   * The **significance** of the event: was this a “win” for the US or the USSR?
   * Explain why.

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