



POLITICAL SCIENCE · CHAPTER 1

The Cold War Era

A 1-page guide for parents · 90-second read.

EXPECTED MARKS

**5-6 out of 7. Below 4 means
specific facts aren't
memorised.**

TIME TO MASTER

8-10 hrs

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WHAT THIS CHAPTER IS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Your child is learning about the COLD WAR (1945-1991) — the 45-year rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union that shaped global politics for almost half a century. They learn how the rivalry began after World War II, why it's called 'cold' (the two never fought directly), how proxy wars in Korea/Vietnam/Afghanistan + the arms race + the space race were the actual battlegrounds, the Cuban Missile Crisis as the closest the world came to nuclear war, the Non-Aligned Movement (where India played a leading role with Nehru), and how the Cold War ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

- Why is the Cold War called 'cold'?
- Discuss the Cuban Missile Crisis. What was the role of JFK and Khrushchev?
- What was the Non-Aligned Movement? Who were the founders? India's role?
- Distinguish NAM from neutrality.
- What caused the end of the Cold War?

WEAK-SPOT INDICATORS

- Confuses NAM (independence) with neutrality.
- Cannot name the 3 founders of NAM (Nehru, Nasser, Tito).
- Treats the Cuban Missile Crisis as months-long (it was 13 days).
- Doesn't know the difference between Bandung 1955 and Belgrade 1961.
- Confuses NATO with Warsaw Pact memberships.

WHEN TO WORRY — AND WHAT TO DO

Pol Sci requires SPECIFIC NAMES + DATES. Vague memorisation fails. Build a timeline + name-association table.

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