



Détente

Another Imperfect Peace

Thawing Out

1. Nixon and Brezhnev begin diplomatic relations
 1. Détente – relaxation of Cold War tensions and improved relations



Quote

“Détente...isn't that what a farmer has with his turkey...until Thanksgiving?”

~Ronald Reagan

Q. Is Détente just another form of appeasement?
Why or why not?



SALT talks

1. SALT I and SALT II- Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty

1. Agreement to ban most antimissile systems and limit the construction of offensive missiles
2. U.S. gives Soviets cheap grain, technology and loans



Getting Cold Again

1. The Soviet Union begins military buildup
2. 1979- Soviet Union invades Afghanistan
 1. Goal- restore pro-Soviet regime
 2. Détente ends
3. 1980- Reagan elected U.S. President
 1. Plans to bring down Soviet Union 3 ways



Economics

1. Reagan does not compromise with Soviets
- “evil empire”
2. Begins new Arms Race
 1. Massive U.S. military buildup = \$\$\$
 2. Soviets unable to keep up and go broke trying
3. SDI- Strategic Defense Initiative
 1. Defensive satellites in space to shoot down offensive missiles





Political

1. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
 1. Supports Reagan
 2. Puts political pressure on Soviets
 3. Mobilizes W. Europe to develop nuclear weapons



Religious

1. Pope John Paul II
 1. Begins and supports underground religious movements in communist countries



SOVIET UNION

Economic

Reagan

3 internal
Problems
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Political

Thatcher

Gorbachev's
Reforms
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Religious

Pope John Paul