

Questions – Cold War Foreign Policy of Nixon and Carter

1. Although a staunch anti-Communist, Nixon wanted to move away from Cold War confrontation and towards what?
2. Nixon and his foreign policy adviser Henry Kissinger based their foreign policy on “détente”. What does “détente” mean?
3. Under detente, Kissinger claimed that the United States no longer had permanent enemies. Instead of their ideology, countries would be judged based on what?
4. What had the relationship with Communist China been since they became Communist in 1949 (use this reading as well as previous class notes)?
5. Why was the country of China open to improving their relations with the United States?
6. What two actions were done by the United States in 1971 and 1972 which helped to improve relations between the United States and China?

7. Explain the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) signed with the Soviet Union.



8. Explain the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty signed with the Soviet Union.

9. Examine the quote by Nixon about the ABM Treaty. Explain the theory of how the ABM Treaty would actually keep both sides safer.

10. How did President Carter further improve U.S.-Chinese relations during his presidency?



11. Although President Carter tried to continue détente with the Soviet Union, what Soviet action in 1979 put an end to improved relations between the two countries?

12. What actions did Carter take to protest the Soviet action mentioned in your answer to the above question.

