**Essay - Causes of the Cold War**

**Task: Write an essay about the causes of the Cold War under exam conditions.**

Your learning so far should have led to the formulation of title question for your essay.

1. You have already spent time finding out about the events and issues that led to the start of the Cold War. Now conduct more detailed research that relates specifically to your question and keep a record of your findings.

2. Use the scaffold/template below to help draft your essay:

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| **Essay Title Question** | Write the question the essay must answer. |
| **Introduction** | 1. Write the context (why is this an important event even in the 21st century?)   2. Write your thesis statement (what will the essay show) |
| **First body paragraph**  What is the paragraph about? | Topic sentence:  Evidence or example:  Explanation: |
| **Second body paragraph**  What is the paragraph about?  \*Tip: This paragraph could support the view given in the first one but should use *a different key point.* | Topic sentence:  Evidence or example:  Explanation: |
| **Third body paragraph**  What is the paragraph about?  \*Tip: This paragraph could show the opposite of the first two | Topic sentence:  Evidence or example:  Explanation: |
| **Fourth body paragraph**  What is the paragraph about?  \*Tip: This paragraph could support paragraph 3, but should *use a different key point.* | Topic sentence:  Evidence or example:  Explanation: |
| **Conclusion** | Answer the research question by referring to the main points you made. |

3. Write the essay in *test* conditions. You will be given one class period to write the essay. You will not be allowed to use notes or your scaffold.

You will be graded using criteria A, C, D. See rubric for details.

**Timeframe:**

Class period 1 Recap essay writing technique and conduct more detailed research.

Class period 2 Write draft using scaffold.

Class period 3 Write essay in class.