



## World History

### Media Analysis of the Cold War

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Directions: Analyze the following media pieces relating to the Cold War and answer their designated questions.

#### Media Clip 1: "We Didn't Start the Fire"

Billy Joel (1989 SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT)

Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray  
South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio  
Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Studebaker, Television  
North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe  
Rosenbergs, H-Bomb, Sugar Ray, Panmunjom  
Brando, The King And I, and The Catcher In The Rye  
Eisenhower, Vaccine, England's got a new queen  
Marciano, Liberace, Santayana goodbye

Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev  
Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc  
Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron  
Dien Bien Phu Falls, "Rock Around the Clock"  
Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team  
Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presley, Disneyland  
Bardot, Budapest, Alabama, Khrushchev  
Princess Grace, Peyton Place, Trouble in the Suez

Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac  
Sputnik, Zhou Enlai, Bridge On The River Kwai  
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California baseball  
Starkweather Homicide, Children of Thalidomide  
Buddy Holly, Ben-Hur, Space Monkey, Mafia  
Hula Hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go  
U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy  
Chubby Checker, Psycho, Belgians in the Congo

Hemingway, Eichmann, Stranger in a Strange Land  
Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion  
Lawrence of Arabia, British Beatlemania  
Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson  
Pope Paul, Malcolm X, J.F.K. blown away,  
what else do I have to say?

Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again  
Moonshot, Woodstock, Watergate, punk rock  
Begin, Reagan, Palestine, Terror on the airline  
Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan  
Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride, heavy metal suicide  
Foreign debts, homeless Vets, AIDS, crack, Bernie Goetz



Hypodermics on the shores, China's under martial law  
Rock and Roller cola wars, I can't take it anymore

We didn't start the fire  
It was always burning  
Since the world's been turning  
We didn't start the fire  
No, we didn't light it  
But we tried to fight it

What do you think Billy Joel means by the title "We didn't start the Fire"? Assertion Reasoning Evidence

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## Media Clip 2: "Leningrad"

Billy Joel (1989 SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT)

Viktor was born in the spring of '44  
And never saw his father anymore  
A child of sacrifice, a child of war  
Another son who never had a father after Leningrad

Went off to school and learned to serve the state  
Followed the rules and drank his vodka straight  
The only way to live was drown the hate  
A Russian life was very sad  
And such was life in Leningrad

I was born in '49  
A cold war kid in McCarthy time  
Stop 'em all at the 38th Parallel  
Blast those yellow reds to hell  
And cold war kids were hard to kill  
Under their desks in an air raid drill  
Haven't they heard we won the war  
What do they keep on fighting for?

Viktor was sent to some Red Army town

Served out his time, became a circus clown  
The greatest happiness he'd ever found  
Was making Russian children glad  
And children lived in Leningrad

But children lived in Levittown  
And hid in the shelters underground  
Until the Soviets turned their ships around  
And tore the Cuban missiles down  
And in that bright October sun  
We knew our childhood days were done  
And I watched my friends go off to war  
What do they keep on fighting for?

And so my child and I came to this place  
To meet him eye to eye and face to face  
He made my daughter laugh, then we embraced  
We never knew what friends we had  
Until we came to Leningrad

What does this song reveal about the actual nature of the “hatred” between the Soviet Union and the United States during the Cold War?

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### Media Clip 3: “The Lorax”

Dr. Seuss (1984 Random House Publishing Inc. New York, New York)

What connection is there between this book and the Cold War?

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