

H7 Placing Events in Context

This activity will help you place events in context.

Instructions:

- Go to EASE History -- <http://www.easehistory.org/>
- Search on 'Cold War' in EASE History. [EASE History Historical Events>Historical Topics>Cold War]
- Examine at least six Cold War cases. (In EASE History, campaign ads and historical events are treated as cases.)
- Select two Cold War cases.
- Chart 1: Place Case #1 in context
 - A. What do you know about the people and objects that appear in Case #1?
 - B. What do you know about the situation and time period? Use your prior knowledge, EASE History case resources (election maps, learning segments, related clips, etc.) to help you place Case #1 in context.
 - C. How can your responses to questions A and B help you place Case #1 in context?
 - D. How is the context that surrounds Case #1 sort of similar and sort of different from today's world?
- Chart 2: Place Case #2 in context. [See Chart 1 for instructions.]
- Chart 3: Thinking about context, how are these two cases sort of similar and sort of different?

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Chart 1:

Column 1

Column 2

A. List people and objects that appear in Case #1.	C. How can your responses to questions A and B help you place Case #1 in context?
B. What do you know about the situation and time period that can support your understanding of Case #1?	
D. How is the context that surrounds Case #1 sort of similar and sort of different from today's world?	

Chart 2:

Column 1

Column 2

A. List people and objects that appear in Case #2.	C. How can your responses to questions A and B help you place Case #2 in context?
B. What do you know about the situation and time period that can support your understanding of Case #2?	
D. How is the context that surrounds Case #2 sort of similar and sort of different from today's world?	

Chart 3:

How is the context that surrounds Case #1 and Case #2 sort of similar and sort of different from each other?
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