

Historians often consider the Cold War to have started with these two conferences

Yalta Conference: February 1945: FDR, Stalin, Churchill

- 1. demand unconditional surrender of Germany**
- 2. demilitarization / de-nazification of Germany**
- 3. force Germany to pay reparations**
- 4. Stalin promised free elections in Poland**
- 5. Stalin agreed to participate in United Nations**
- 6. Stalin agreed to enter war against Japan**
- 7. Nazi war criminals would be hunted down**

Potsdam Conference: July 1945: Truman, Stalin, Churchill (Atlee)

- 1. divide Vietnam at 17th parallel**
- 2. divide Germany into 4 occupation zones**
- 3. prosecute Nazi war criminals**
- 4. return land taken by Germany to original nations**
- 5. reduce size of Germany by 25%**
- 6. war reparations paid to Soviets**
- 7. destruction of German war making industries**
- 8. recognition of Soviet supported gov. in Poland**