**Key Terms List #15**

1. “iron curtain”-imaginary line dividing communist dictatorship (East) from capitalist democracy (West) in Europe.
2. Totalitarianism-when the government has complete control over society and wants to control all parts of public and private life.
3. Satellite state-a country that is supposedly independent, but is actually being controlled by another country. In the Cold War, the countries of Eastern Europe were satellite states of the Soviet Union.
4. Berlin blockade and airlift-in response to the Marshall Plan, Stalin tries to cut West Berlin off from West Germany. The US responds by dropping supplies from airplanes until Stalin is forced to give up. Begins Cold War
5. Marshall Plan-US plan to give Western Europe a lot of money to rebuild after WWII. The goal is to keep W. Europe from becoming communist.
6. Berlin Wall-a wall dividing communist East Berlin from capitalist democracy West Berlin. It was put up in 1961 and came down in 1989.
7. Space race-the US and the USSR try to compete to be the most powerful in space. Sputnik is the first satellite to be launched (by Soviets), and kicks off the competition. (Think NASA)
8. Arms race-the US and the Soviet Union compete to try to get the most powerful weapons, especially nuclear weapons like the atomic bomb.
9. Cuban Revolution-led by Fidel Castro and Che Guevara, Cuba overthrows the US-backed dictator (Bautista) and Cuba becomes communist.
10. Cuban Missile Crisis-Because of the Bay of Pigs, Cuba allows the Soviet Union to put nuclear missiles in Cuba, aiming towards the US. Eventually, JFK convinces the USSR to withdraw the missiles if we remove our missiles from Greece and Turkey.
11. “domino theory”-the idea that if communists take over a country, communism will spread to surrounding countries (think of dominoes knocking each other over).
12. Containment-US policy to try to limit the spread of communism in the world by intervening in countries where communists might take power.
13. Mao Zedong-communist leader of China from 1949 to 1976.