

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of World War II on the home front by
d) explaining the collapse of communism and the end of the Cold War, including the role of Ronald Reagan.

Collapse of the Soviet Union



President Reagan

Challenged moral legitimacy of the Soviet Union.
(Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall).

Increased U.S. military & economic pressure on the Soviet Union.



Increasing Soviet military expenses to compete with the U.S.



Raising nationalism in Soviet republics.



Fast-paced reforms (market economy)



Economic inefficiency



Gorbachev glasnost and perestroika (openness and economic restructuring)

Both internal and external pressures caused the collapse of the Soviet Union.