

## The Cold War in Asia-Cambodia

**WebQuest Description:** By the end of this lesson students will be able to: understand the connection between Cambodia, the Cold War and Vietnam, explain the factors that led to the Khmer Rouge's rise to power, create a profile of Pol Pot as a leader, understand the impact of Khmer Rouge on life in Cambodia

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### Introduction

This site was created to provide students with a clear understanding of how the actions of the United States and the USSR led to the rise of the Khmer Rouge Regime in Cambodia. This site will also allow students to get an idea of how the leader of the Khmer Rouge Regime, Pol Pot used his power to shape the lives of Cambodian citizens.

### Tasks

Together with your group members you each will analyze different primary documents and respond to questions related to your document. Upon completion your group will be given a brief timeline of events related to Cambodia. Using the information you have gained from your documents and previous class discussions you will work together to respond to the questions on the timeline.

### Process

Activity 1: As a group look at the map and supporting documents below to understand how Cambodia was affected by the War in Vietnam. Cambodia & The Vietnamese War  
Activity 2: Each group member analyze and answer the question for one of the three documents below. Document 1 Document 2 Document 3  
Activity 3: Each group member will discuss the topic of their document and how it relates to the Khmer Rouge Regime/Pol Pot in Cambodia.  
Activity 4: Each group will provide a response to the timeline below. Cambodia Timeline

### Evaluation

Below are links that will provide more information relevant to each document assigned. The United States Bombing in Cambodia Life under Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge Regime Pol Pot & His Crimes Provide a 3-5 sentence written response for each of the following: Using evidence from today's discussion, document analysis and video explain how the Cold War led to the rise of the Khmer Rouge (Pol Pot) Regime in Cambodia. Using evidence from the document analysis explain the goals of the Khmer Rouge Regime and why they took the actions that they did during this genocide.

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### Conclusion

By the end of this lesson students should understand that the USSR supporting Northern Vietnamese soldiers during the Cold War led to them entering Southern Vietnam through Cambodia. As a result, the United States bombed Cambodia which led to the rise of the Khmer Rouge Regime under the leader Pol Pot. While in power Pol Pot attempted to eliminate all western influence by a mass genocide of Cambodian citizens.

**Standards**

CCS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem CCS.ELA-Literacy.RH.9-10.9 Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources CCS 6- Language “ Use of general and academic vocabulary words. CCS 1- Speaking and Listening “ Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions. Seek to understand other perspectives New York State Standards: 2.World History 3.Geography 4.Economics 5.Civics, Citizenship and Government

**Credits****Other**