

## LESSON PLAN – 6th Grade

### Title

Ronald Reagan vs the Soviet Union: Freedom vs Control

### Objective

Students will:


- Identify who Ronald Reagan was
  - Understand what the Soviet Union was
  - Explain the basic difference between freedom and control
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### Vocabulary

Freedom, Communism, President, Government, Cold War

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### Warm-Up (5 min)

 “Would you rather live where you make your own choices, or where the government makes choices for you?”

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### Direct Instruction (10–15 min)

#### Ronald Reagan

- 40th President of the United States
- Believed in **freedom and limited government**
- Worked to strengthen America

#### Soviet Union

- Communist country
- Government controlled many parts of life
- Led by leaders like Lenin, Stalin, and Gorbachev

#### Big Idea

👉 Cold War = battle of ideas

- Freedom vs control
  - Capitalism vs Communism
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### **Guided Practice**

Students fill in:

#### **United States   Soviet Union**

Freedom      Government control

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### **Activity**

#### **“Freedom vs Control” Sorting Activity**

Students sort examples:

- Choosing job
  - Government assigns job
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### **Discussion**

- Why might people want freedom?
  - Why might governments want control?
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### **QUIZ – 6th Grade**

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. Ronald Reagan was:
  - A. A king
  - B. A president
  - C. A soldier
2. The Soviet Union believed in:
  - A. Freedom

- B. Communism
- C. Democracy

3. The Cold War was a battle of:
- A. Land
  - B. Ideas
  - C. Food
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### Short Answer

- 4. What is one difference between the U.S. and USSR?
  - 5. What does freedom mean?
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### Answer Key

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. B
- 4–5. Answers vary