

## Candidate 1 evidence

		
42)	The Cold War ended in 1989 and was symbolised by the fall of the Berlin Wall. It officially ended when Bush and Gorbachev signed papers at the Malta Summit in 1989. The role of Ronald Reagan was important as a reason for why the Cold War ended, however, there were other contributing factors such as the role of Gorbachev, the Western economic strengths and the <del>fall</del> <sup>fall</sup> of Communism in Eastern Europe. The role of Gorbachev was the main reason as	

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to why the Cold War ended.

When Ronald Reagan was President of the United States he brought in what was called the Reagan doctrine. ~~This~~ Part of the Reagan doctrine was that the USA would fund right-wing movements that opposed Communism. This was important as the Soviet Union did not have a strong enough economy to retaliate. Ronald Reagan also ~~increased~~ increased the production of oil which therefore decreased demand and lowered the price. This therefore had a significant effect on the Soviet Union's economy as they had lost demand for one of their staple exports. The role of Ronald Reagan was significant as a reason for the ending of the Cold War as he was attempting to "price" the Soviet

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<p>Union out of the War and did so rather successfully. Gorbachev was more important as a reason for the end of the Cold War as he was the first leader to move away from the Cold War mindsets.</p>	
<p>When Gorbachev came into power he introduced policies of Perestroika and glasnost which meant <del>the</del> restructuring and openness. This was important as Communist systems were being relaxed and criticism of the USSR was allowed. This made them less of a threat to the USA. Gorbachev also recognised that the USSR could not be isolated and so he introduced his policy of "New Thinking" which encouraged trade with western countries. This as a result eased tensions between the USA and</p>	

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	<p>The Soviet Union. The role of Gorbachev was <sup>very</sup> significant as a reason for the end of the Cold War because it was the first step of moving away from the conflict of ideologies and opened the USSR up to the West.</p>
	<p>When Gorbachev was in power he also removed the Brezhnev doctrine which had previously upheld Communism in other countries. This then allowed Eastern European countries to find their own way to <del>to</del> run these countries without being controlled and forced under Communism by the USSR. In Poland, this started with trade union activism and the Solidarity movement. This opposition would have previously been shut down but it was welcomed in this new atmosphere. This then led to an election</p>

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	<p>in Poland which elected Lech walesa as the <sup>non-</sup>first Communist leader in many Several years. This is seen by Historians as a turning point in the Cold War as other Eastern European countries followed the actions of Poland. The fall of Communism in Eastern Europe was significant as a reason for the end of the cold war as it reduced the Soviet Unions sphere of influence and made them less of a threat to the west.</p>
	<p>Throughout the Cold war, the western powers were flourishing economically under Communism. This then allowed them to pump money into weaker countries to turn them away from Communism. It also meant they could produce more weaponry and beat the Soviet Union in the arms</p>

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	<p>race. The Western Powers enjoyed many trade deals which increased their good relations with other countries and boosted their economy. As a result, in order to compete with the USA economically, the USSR would have to improve relations with other countries and increase their cooperation. However, many of the economic struggles of the USSR actually came from internal issues <del>because</del> rather than because of the USA and other Western Powers' having stronger economies. The Western economic strength was a significant reason for the end of the Cold War as it put pressure on the USSR to compete but they were obviously no competition and so the tensions between the Superpowers decreased.</p>
	<p>In conclusion, the vote of Reagan</p>

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	<p>was the main reason why the Cold War ended to some extent. Reagan ensured that the Soviet Union's economy would continue to fail which would eventually price them out of the Cold War. The fall of Communism was a more significant reason for the end of the Cold War because it extremely reduced the Soviet Union's power all over the world which made them no threat to the USA. The Western economic strengths was a less significant reason because it was not instrumental in the Soviet Union's failing economy, it was more their own fault. The role of Gorbachev was the most significant reason for the end of the Cold War as he had a completely different mindset to previous Soviet leaders and he was not looking to spread Communism</p>

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	which therefore massively reduced the tensions	
	between the USA and the Soviet Union and	
	ultimately ended the Cold War.	