**Analysis activity 6.6: A Cold War forum**

The Cold War was made up of several significant conflicts, each symbolising the deep tension that gripped the Western world for over 40 years. The aim of this activity is to create a summary of the entire Cold War. Chapters in this textbook provide an ideal starting place to begin researching these conflicts.

Divide the class into working ‘committees’. Each committee will be responsible for researching a particular Cold War event from the list below. Every topic can be covered only once. Each committee is to report back to the class during a forum to be conducted over two lessons.

Each committee must do the following:

* Present a five-minute analysis of its particular Cold War event and be prepared to answer questions on the event.
* Produce a bibliography for the forum when it presents its information.
* Undertake a test on the information discussed at the forum to demonstrate the quality and accuracy of the information presented.
* Accompany its presentation with a visual display, including at least three images.
* Make its presentation available to its classmates, perhaps via a class wiki or website, or a blog.

**Working committee topics**

Berlin Blockade, 1948–49

Korean War, 1950–53

Uprising in Hungary, 1956

Berlin Wall, 1961–89

Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

Nuclear arms race

Space race

Vietnam War

Invasion of Afghanistan, 1979

There is an excellent website devoted to explaining the Cold War and its events. It will be very helpful for this analysis activity. Look it up via the link at http://cambridge.edu.au/redirect/?id=5880.

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