**Chapter review**

**Short-answer questions**

1. What was the role of Gorbachev in ending the Cold War?

1. How did the Cold War end?

1. How did the Berlin Wall collapse?

**Analyse the document’s views**

Anatoly Chernvaev was an assistant to President Gorbachev. This excerpt from his diary was written on 10 November 1989 and praises Gorbachev’s visionary role in world politics.

*The Berlin Wall has collapsed. This entire era in the history of the Socialist system is over. Following the [Polish United Socialist Party] PUWP and the [Hungarian Socialist Workers’ Party] HSWP Honecker has left. Today we received messages about the ‘retirement’ of [Chinese Communist Party leader] Deng Xiaopeng and [Bulgarian leader Todor] Zhivkov. Only our ‘best friends’ [Cuban leader Fidel] Castro, [Romanian leader Nicolae] Ceausescu, [and North Korean leader] Kim Il Sung are still around – people who hate our guts.*

*But the main thing is the GDR, the Berlin Wall. For it has to do not only with ‘socialism’ but with the shift in the world balance of forces. This is the end of Yalta … of the Stalinist legacy and the ‘defeat of Hitlerite Germany’.*

*That is what Gorbachev has done. And he has indeed turned out to be a great leader. He has sensed the pace of history and helped history to find a natural channel.*



**Source 10.10** Mikhail Gorbachev

1. According to the document, what effect has the end of communism had on other world leaders?

1. According to the document, what is the meaning of the destruction of the Berlin Wall?

Extended-response question

Write a considered response to this statement about the end of the Cold War: *‘The quiet end of the Cold War was nothing like its dangerous conflicts.’*

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Provide detailed examples from all of the Cold War chapters to support your answer.

* To answer this topic you need to have read and understood the beginning and key events of the Cold War – competing ideologies, the Berlin Blockade, Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam War.
* Look specifically at the key terms in the statement. You will need to be able to describe the ‘quiet end’ to the Cold War using information from this chapter, plus ‘dangerous conflicts’ from preceding chapters.
* Form your own argument. Is this statement true? Think about the phrase ‘nothing like’.