

Notes 7.5 How did technological advancements impact the Cold War era?

Directions: Please answer the questions in complete sentences in the spaces provided.

1. Describe *one* similarity and *one* difference between fission weapons and thermonuclear weapons.

2. Using the internet, find out which countries possess nuclear weapons today.

3. What does “arms race” mean?

4. What was the policy of brinkmanship? Do you think this policy was wise or unwise? Did it make the world safer or less safe? Explain your answer.

5. Why did it look like the Soviet Union was winning the Space Race in the late 1950s?

6. Why did tensions between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. increase further in May 1960?

7. Describe some of the features of the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird. What made it so special?

8. (Optional Extra Credit!) On a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture of the SR-71 Blackbird!