

The Greek Civil War (1946-1949)

Vocabulary

Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher.

- **Civil War** A war between citizens of the same country
- **Backed by** Supported by
- **Personnel** People (not to be confused with the word “personal”, which is an adj.)
- **Occupying forces** When a country invades another country and has military control over its territory
- **Polarized** Very far right politics or very far left politics
- **Ideology** A way of political thinking that someone bases their political or economic beliefs on
- **Cold War Superpowers** The US, British Empire, and Soviet Union after World War II
- **Involving in** To participate in; to join in on _____
- **Communist** Someone supportive of Communism, (and in context of the Cold War: the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, and China)
- **Insurgent** Someone fighting against foreign military occupiers
- **To demoralize** To lose hope; to lose faith that you'll win
- **Wunna'da** “One of the“ (pronounced quickly)
- **Wit'da** “With the“ (pronounced quickly)

Passage

Read the passage with the teacher, asking questions about content, and then answer the questions on the next page.

The Greek **Civil War** was fought in Greece from 1946 to 1949 between the Greek Government Army (**backed by** the United Kingdom and the United States), and the Democratic Army of Greece, (**backed by** Yugoslavia, Albania, and Bulgaria). The Democratic Army of Greece included many **personnel** who had fought against German and Italian **occupying forces** during World War II. The **civil war** resulted from a highly **polarized** struggle between left and right political **ideologies** in Greece that started in 1943. The struggle became **one of the** first conflicts of the Cold War and represents the first example of **Cold War superpowers involving** themselves in the internal politics of a foreign country. Greece in the end joined NATO, while the **Communist insurgents** were **demoralized** by the bitter split between the Soviet Union – **Communists** who wanted the war ended (and didn't support the Democratic Army of Greece), and Yugoslavia – **Communists** who wanted it to continue. The civil war ended **with the** defeat of the **Communist insurgents** by the Greek Government Army.

Courtesy of Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/Greek_Civil_War

Checking Understanding

1. When was the Greek Civil War?
2. Who was it fought between?
3. Who did the Democratic Army of Greece include?
4. What did the Greek Civil War result from?
5. What was this civil war the first example of in the Cold War?
6. Who won the Greek Civil War?
7. Why were Communist insurgents demoralized?
8. Who did Greece join after the civil war ended?
9. How to pronounce “One of the” quickly?
10. How to pronounce “With the” quickly?

Conversation Questions

Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat

- Do you like to learn about history?
- Are you interested in politics?
- Are you old enough to remember the Cold War?
- Do you have parents or grandparents who were soldiers during the Cold War?
- Do you remember when the Soviet Union fell or the Berlin Wall fell?
- What do you think about right-wing or left-wing politics? Do you think they mean the same today as they did 50 years ago?
- What do you think about countries who invade other countries? Are they sometimes right? Sometimes wrong? Always right? Always wrong?
- Have you ever lived in a place that had a civil war?
- Have you ever been in the military?
- What's your favorite Cold War movie or TV show? The Hunt For Red October?
Dr. Strangelove? Rambo?