

Nuclear Deterrence, “Mutual Assured Destruction” and Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

1. Nuclear Deterrence
 - a. Military doctrine that says a country will try not to use nuclear weapons as long as they know they could be destroyed.
 - b. If 2 nations use nuclear weapons = mutual destruction
 - i. AKA: MAD (mutual assured destruction)
2. Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty-> August 5th, 1963
 - a. Signed by U.S. and Russia in 1963
 - i. Banned all nuclear testing except for underground
 - ii. Countries had to work to disarm
3. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
 - a. Adopted in 1996
 - i. Banned ALL testing
 - b. President Clinton signed but the Senate did not agree
 - i. Dangerous to not test our weapons
 - ii. Unable to enforce if countries were following the ban
 1. U.S. is not apart of the treaty
 - c. North Korea did not sign, Russia did but pulled out in 2023.
 - d. China signed but it was not ratified (like the U.S)