**End of the Cold War Research Worksheet**

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| Topic under investigation: | End of the Cold War |

1. Who was involved?

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| **Individual's or Group's Name** | **Short Description of this Person or Group** |
| Leonid Brezhnev |  |
| Mikhail Gorbachev |  |
| Communist Hardliners |  |
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1. What were the main events and when did they occur?

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| **Date** | **Title of Event** | **Short Description of this Event** |
|  | Russian Revolution |  |
|  | Establishment of the Soviet Union |  |
|  | Introduction of "Developed Socialism" |  |
|  | Gorbachev's Ascension and Reforms |  |
|  | Chernobyl Disaster |  |
|  | Fall of the Berlin Wall |  |
|  | Independence of Baltic States |  |
|  | Failed August Coup |  |
|  | Gorbachev's Resignation |  |
|  | Dissolution of the Soviet Union |  |

1. Where were the important locations?

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| **Name of City, Country or Location** | **Short Description of this Location** |
| Soviet Union |  |
| Chernobyl, Ukraine |  |
| Berlin, Germany |  |
| Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania |  |

1. What new words or phrases do you need to understand?

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| **Word or Phrase** | **Short Description of this Word or Phrase** |
| Developed Socialism |  |
| Perestroika |  |
| Glasnost |  |
| Iron Curtain |  |

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your research, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why did the Soviet Union collapse?*