Cold War Assignment

You may find the answers to these questions using your textbook, the Internet or other classroom resources. You may answer the questions directly on this sheet, or use loose leaf.

1. a) When was the atomic bomb first used?

b) What country used it, and why?

c) What effects did it have on the cities on which it was dropped?

1. Why was the development of nuclear weapons in the postwar era a potential threat to humanity?
2. What countries did many Canadians and Americans blame for starting the “Cold War?”

Why?

1. What steps did the Canadian government take to prepare citizens for the possibility of a nuclear attack?
2. How did some Canadian families prepare themselves for a nuclear attack?
3. What was the “Emergency Measures Organization” (EMO), and why was it such an important part of Canada’s civil defense program during the Cold War era?
4. What was the “Voice of Women” (VOW)?

What position did its members take regarding the Cold War, Canada’s role in it, and government civil defence measures?

1. What was the “Diefenbunker”?

 Why was it given this nickname?

Why is it considered a “relic” of the Cold War today?

1. Who were the “atomic guinea pigs” of the Cold War in Canada? In what way could they be viewed as victims of this period?