

## Student Worksheet

### DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

### STORY

**Obama Visits Russia Hoping to "Reset" Tense Relations**, 07/08/2009

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec09/russia\\_07-08.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec09/russia_07-08.html)

### READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

**1. What was the focus of President Obama's meetings in Moscow?**

**2. Who did President Obama meet with?**

**3. How did Mr. Obama end his visit?**

**4. What is the name of the old arms treaty between the United States and Russia?**

**5. Name at least one recent U.S. action that angered Russia?**

**6. What was the Cold War? When did it end?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. What do you think it means that President Obama went to Russia for special talks? Where else has he gone?**

**2. Why is important for the U.S and Russia to agree on nuclear disarmament?**

**3. Do you agree with President Obama's assertion that**

**"The future does not belong to those who gather armies on a field of battle or bury missiles in the ground... The future belongs to young people with an education and imagination to create. That is the source of power in this century."?**

**Why or why not? Do you think this applies to you?**

**4. If you were from Georgia or Ukraine how do you think you would interpret President Obama's words?**

**Extension Activity**

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.