**TIMELINE KEY EVENTS** **& FACTS** *(HINT: ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD INCLUDE IN AN ANSWER):*

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**SUMMARY GRID**

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| **CAUSES OF THE CRISIS** | |
| **LONGER/MEDIUM TERM** | |
| **WITHIN GERMANY** | **WIDER CONTEXT OF CW** |
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| **KEY EVENTS DURING CW** | |
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| **CONSEQUENCES/IMPACT OF THE CRISIS** | |
| **ON GERMANY/BERLIN** | **ON THE COLD WAR** |

**ADDITION FOR HIGHER THINKING:**

**Below is a summary of the general historical interpretations of the ‘origin’ phase of the Cold War i.e. who is to blame. Underneath each, try to consider how each historian might specifically use the Berlin Airlift as part of their argument. You could also spend some time researching their ideas.**

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| **ALTERNATE VIEWPOINTS (HISTORIOGRAPHY) OF THE BERLIN CRISIS:** | |
| **Orthodox:**   * *(General belief: Most western writers before the 1970s, and many since, blamed the Cold War on the Soviet Union and its "attempt to impose its ideology on the rest of the world".)* | **Revisionist:**   * ***(****In 1959 the historian William Appleman Williams was the first to suggest that America was to blame.* * *The Revisionists said America was engaged in a war to keep countries open to capitalism and American trade.* * *Revisionists said that Truman's use of the atomic bomb without telling Stalin was the start of the Cold War.)* |
| **Post-Revisionist:**   * *(General Belief: John Lewis Gaddis first published this idea in 1972.* * *The post-revisionists argued that****neither****Russia or America was to blame, but that the Cold War was the result of misunderstandings on both sides, and the failure to appreciate each other's fears.)* | |