

# Formation of NATO:

NATO- \*North Atlantic Treaty Organization\*  
-Pay attention to \* for your quiz-

- It was founded \*April 4, 1949\*.
- It is an intergovernmental military alliance between several North American and European states based on the North Atlantic Treaty that was signed on April 4, 1949.

- It was created to provide collective security against the \*Soviet Union\*. It was the first peacetime military alliance the United States entered into outside of the Western Hemisphere.

- The 12 countries that were apart of the founding of NATO: \*Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States\*. In 1952, Greece and Turkey became members of the Alliance, joined later by West Germany (1955)

and Spain (1982).

- The prospect of further Communist expansion prompted the United States and 11 other Western nations to form NATO.
- NATO brings together the armies of various countries. Formed after the end of the 2nd World War.

- It is a form of alliance between the territories of North America and Europe. It's main purpose was to defend each other from the possibility of communist Soviet Union taking control of their nation.

- NATO remained its existence beyond the Cold War and gained new member nations in the 1990's from Eastern Europe. That development wasn't well received by Russian Federation leaders and became a source of post- \*Cold War\* tension between the East and the West.

# QUIZ:

1. What does NATO stand for?
2. When was NATO found?
3. It was created to provide collective security against what?
4. What are at least 2 countries that are apart of NATO?
5. NATO became a source of post- what?

# Answer Key:

1. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
2. April 4, 1949
3. Soviet Union
4. Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
5. Cold War