Worksheet 4.2

Historiography of the Origins of the Cold War – Arthur Schlesinger Jr

Scan through this article. Make notes on Schlesinger’s view of the origins of the Cold War as outlined by Cagney, and Schlesinger’s own response to Cagney’s analysis.

Discuss with a partner:
1. How far you agree that the origins of the Cold War can be found in the ‘balance of power’ struggle.
2. To what extent the Cold War was a result of the two superpowers moving away from ‘universalism’ and towards ‘spheres of influence’ foreign policies.