The Butter Battle Book: The Wall Falls

You and three others will write an ending to Dr. Seuss’ *The Butter Battle Book*. The book ends with both the Yooks and the Zooks developing a bomb called the Big-Boy Boomero, which parallels the US and the USSR’s development of nuclear weapons and reaching parity. You will continue the story by describing events leading to the **end of the Cold War** and the **collapse of the Soviet Union**. It is due Tuesday May 20.

**EVENTS TO INCLUDE:**

1. **Korean War** (1950-1953. Use Containment and Truman Doctrine here or with Vietnam.)
2. **Sputnik**
3. **Berlin Wall built** (You could say that the wall already in the story is built higher, with barbed wire and guards patrolling it.)
4. **Cuban Missile Crisis**
5. **Vietnam War** (Include that it ends badly for the Yooks and the term domino theory)
6. **Détente** in the 1970s
7. **Strategic Defense Initiative SDI or “Star Wars”**
8. **US boycott of Olympic games** in Moscow, 1980 over the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
9. **Soviet boycott of Olympic games** in LA, 1984
10. **Reagan’s use of phrase “evil empire”** to describe the USSR
11. **Rise of Solidarity** and Lech Walesa in Poland
12. **Gorbachev’s policies** to make the USSR more open, democratic and capitalistic. Use glasnost and perestroika in this stanza
13. **Fall of Berlin Wall** 1989 (USSR says it won't stop Communist bloc countries from reforming and East Germany decides to allow people to travel to West Berlin. That night there is a spontaneous gathering at the Wall and people begin to tear it down.)
14. **Reunification of Germany** (Yooks and Zooks unify)
15. **Václav Havel** comes to power in the Czech Republic
16. **Eastern Europe after Fall of Communism**
Requirements:

Each group member must write at least two stanzas of four lines each for the four events you are assigned. Write your name in the margin next to the stanzas you write so that I can give you an individual grade. Your grade will be based on:

- the quality of the historical information provided
- the quality of the explanation of the event and context for it
- importance of the event to the Cold War
- effort to mimic Dr. Suess’ meter, rhyme scheme and nonsense words

TERMS YOU MUST INCLUDE: UNDERLINE THEM

- Containment
- Truman Doctrine
- Domino Theory
- Perestroika
- Glasnost
- Détente
- Sputnik

Remember:
Yooks: eat with butter side up
Zooks: eat with butter side down
Van Itch is a Zook

Sample paragraphs from the book:

“My Boys in the Back Room have finally found how:
Just wait till you see what they’ve puttered up now!
In their great new machine you’ll fly over that Wall
And clobber those Butter-Down Zooks one and all!”

Those Boys in the Back Room sure knew how to putter!
They made me a thing called the Utterly Sputter
And I jumped aboard with my heart all a flutter
And steered toward the land of the Upside-Down Butter.

Student Samples:

East Side, West Side North Side, South Side, Upside, Downside,
I felt pretty jealous so on a piece of the wall I wrote My Side!
We were all reunited again and we decided not to call out anymore names.
We could finally go to each other’s games.

But now the Zook had a new guy in charge
Van Scratch took control of the Butter Down barge.
He spoke of rebuilding and moving cross borders
Imagine my shock at these Un-Zookish orders.

Van Scratch and I signed a new fangled treaty
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