

The Legacy of Nuclear testing in Kazakhstan

OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the history of Soviet nuclear testing at the Semipalatinsk site in Kazakhstan
2. Criticize the Soviet Ideology behind nuclear testing in Kazakhstan
3. Discuss how Soviet nuclear testing in Kazakhstan fits into the larger nuclear disarmament conversation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why won't Moscow take responsibility for the nuclear tests conducted in Kazakhstan?
2. What is your main takeaway from nuclear testing in Kazakhstan?
3. How has the legacy of nuclear testing in Kazakhstan affected its international policies going forward?

ACTIVITIES

After looking through the resources, do a comparison of nuclear testing done by the U.S. and the Soviet Union. What are the similarities? Differences?

OTHER RESOURCES

<https://www.historytoday.com/archive/behind-times/kazakhstan%E2%80%99s-nuclear-nightmare>

<https://www.rferl.org/a/victims-of-kazakhstan-s-soviet-era-nuclear-tests-feel-abandoned-by-government/30288299.html#:~:text=In%20September%2C%20the%20Kazakh%20government,as%20a%20nuclear%2Dtest%20victim>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780080450155000149>