



CHAPTER 4

THE COLD WAR

'Forrest Gump' presents several pivotal moments of the Cold War, offering insights into the geopolitical tensions and historical events of the era. The assassination of President John F. Kennedy, president Lyndon B. Johnson's decision to escalate U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union, the diplomatic thaw between the United States and China through ping-pong diplomacy... Through these moments, "Forrest Gump" offers a multifaceted portrayal of the Cold War era, capturing its complexities and global implications.

A. SUFFICIENT



A1 Who is the first US President that Forrest meets?

A2 What happened to him? When?

B. GOOD



B1 What historic moment is airing the TV?

B1 Read about the "Space Race" and briefly explain it:

C. NOTABLE



C1 Who is the second US President that Forrest meets?

C2 What was his policy towards the Vietnam War?

D. EXCELENT



D1 Forrest gets so good at table tennis that is sent to China to play. This is a funny reference to an historical episode known as the Ping-Pong Diplomacy. Talk about it:

EXTRA

Look information about the achievements of both the US and the USSR during the Space Race and name some of them.