

The Butter Battle Book & the Cold War

The Cold War was "cold" because it was mainly a war of threats - especially threats to use nuclear weapons. The United States was the first nation to develop nuclear bombs, and the only nation to have ever used them in war. (The U.S. dropped two nuclear bombs on Japan in 1945 to end World War 2.)

The Soviet Union had their first nuclear weapon by 1949. For the next 50 years, the U.S. and the Soviet Union were in an "arms race" against each other - a "race" to have more (and better) nuclear weapons than each other. The two "superpowers" each hoped their ability to use nuclear bombs would keep the other country from attacking.

Dr. Seuss wrote *The Butter Battle Book* in 1984 as a parable about the Cold War. At the height of the Cold War, the combined nuclear weapons of both countries were enough to destroy the entire world six times over.



1. According to the Grandfather Zook, **what proved** that the Yooks were bad people?

2. A major reason this book was banned by many schools and libraries during the Cold War was because Dr. Seuss chose to use something silly to

represent serious differences between the Soviet Union's communist government and the United States' democracy. **Why do you suppose he used something so silly?**

Yooks

They guard the wall with a Snick-Berry Switch and they shake it at Zooks that come too close.

The Yooks create a _____.

The Yooks create a _____ called "the Kickapoo Kid" that has two barrels. It is carried by a _____.

The Yooks make a giant marching weapon.

The Yooks create "the world's most mighty weapon" to destroy the Zooks.

but the Zooks

so the Yooks

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Zooks

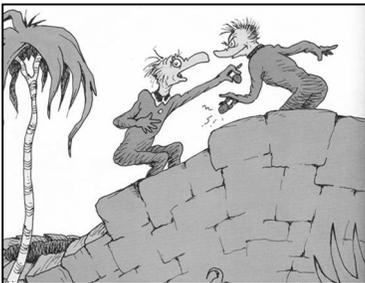
The Zooks shoot the switch with a _____.

The Zooks make a machine that can throw 3 mudballs at a time back at the Yooks.

The Zooks create a weapon that has _____ barrels. It is carried by _____.

The Zooks show up with _____.

The Zooks show up with _____.



Make believe you're talking with Dr. Seuss about this book. Why do you suppose he left the story without an ending?

