

Efforts to create a stable new world order for the post-WWII period

Wartime Conferences - cooperation and tensions

- **Atlantic Charter – Roosevelt & Churchill meet August 1941**
 - Common goals for post-war world: defeat the Axis powers, disarmament promote democracy, free trade, anti-colonialism, international peace & collective security (a vision of the United Nations to replace the failed League of Nations)
 - War aims – US will be the ‘arsenal of democracy’
 - Stalin agrees, needs allies after German invasion of USSR June 1941

- **Bretton Woods Conference (New Hampshire, USA) 44 Allied Nations meet July 1944**
 - Economic reconstruction and free trade
 - Setting up the World Bank and International Monetary Fund
 - Stalin sends observers, but deems it a ‘capitalist club’

- **United Nations Organization**
 - **Dumbarton Oaks (Washington, DC) September 1944**
 - Establishing the United Nations and the Security Council – veto power discussed
 - Roosevelt’s Four Policemen: US, UK, USSR, China – France was added later
 - **San Francisco April 1945** – UN Charter ratified
 - Both the USSR and the US agreed on the veto, but for different reasons: USSR was outnumbered by western allies, and the US wanted to protect its national sovereignty