

Cuban Missile Crisis

Background

The Cuban Missile Crisis was the most dangerous period of the Cold War.

During the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cold War almost deteriorated into a full military struggle between the superpowers.

They gambled in a dangerous game of chicken! At stake . . . international prestige and nuclear war!

Assignment

1) To what extent were the Americans involved in Cuba by 1959.

2) What occurred during the Cuban Revolution of 1959?

3) What event led to the end of diplomatic relations between America and Cuba in 1961?

4) Complete the following chart on the Bay of Pigs.

<i>Key Players</i>	
<i>Background</i>	
<i>Date</i>	
<i>Event</i>	
<i>Outcome</i>	

5) Complete the following chart explaining why the Soviet Union decided to deploy missiles in Cuba.

<i>Space Race</i>	
<i>Fear of an American invasion of Cuba</i>	
<i>American missiles in Turkey</i>	

6) What information was revealed by U-2 spy planes in August 1962?

7) What options did Kennedy have when handling the Cuban Missile Crisis?

8) Why did the American leadership demand the removal of any missiles from Cuba?

9) After the Soviet ships turned away from Cuba, how was the Cuban Missile Crisis resolved?

10) Compared to other confrontations during the Cold War, what was different about the Cuban Missile Crisis?

11) Define . . . brinkmanship.

12) Discuss the diplomacy of Kennedy using the concept of brinkmanship.

13) What were the outcomes of the Cuban Missile Crisis?
