

# The Cuban Missile Crisis

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## TASK:

- You are to investigate the Cuban Missile Crisis using contemporary newspaper articles.
- Use the HELP GUIDE [see left] to select and read the articles.
- Use the information to answer the questions, and create your own source analysis.

## HELP GUIDE

- [1] From the main screen, select [double-click] 'CONFLICTS'.  
[2] Then select 'CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS'.

- Select each article by date, shown above the set of questions.

- Select each article by double-clicking the date or title.

- Each article begins with a brief – a summary of the article. Click anywhere outside the brief to read the main article.

- To go onto the next page, click on the arrow at the bottom right

- When there are no more pages, click on **GO BACK** to return to the menu.

The Brief

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### SOVIET MISSILES IN CUBA 23 OCTOBER 1962

- a) How does Kennedy compare his blockade of Cuba with the Berlin blockade of 1948?  
b) Which description of Kennedy's message is more accurate? Explain your answer using quotations from the article.

No surrender!

Compromise



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### RUSSIA TO WITHDRAW MISSILES FROM CUBA 29 OCTOBER 1962

a) How does Khrushchev seem to emerge from the crisis?

i) Man of honour

ii) Man of weakness

iii) Leader of strength

iv) Humiliated

Explain using quotations from the article.

b) What reasons back up the statement that "...Kennedy's personal and political prestige ... can only have been ... enhanced".  
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### KENNEDY IN CRISIS 28 OCTOBER 1962

- a) Up to this point, how had many people seen Kennedy's leadership?  
b) In your opinion, what did the crisis 'offer' Kennedy a chance to do?  
c) Where did Washington feel the most dangerous place in the world is?

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### KHRUSHCHEV IN CRISIS 28 OCTOBER 1962

- a) What deal has been offered?  
b) What is the blockade described as?  
c) How does the article describe Khrushchev as 'foolhardy'?