



ISD Virtual Learning

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Lesson:14 Thursday, April 9th

Objective/Learning Target: Through Geography explain the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis

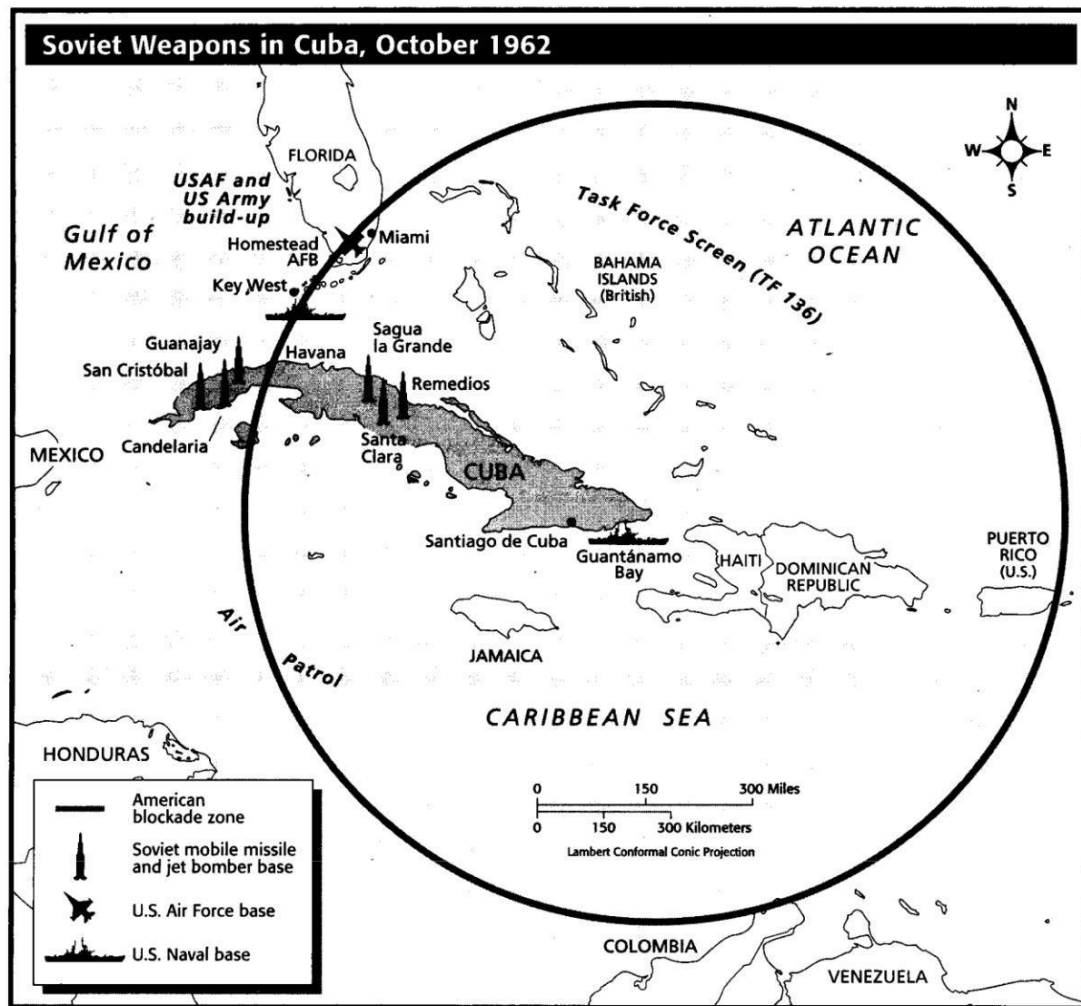
Warm Up

Write down on a piece of paper or type.

1. What kind of government was Cuba in the 1960s that the United States was worried about?
2. How many miles is Cuba off the coast of Florida?

Lesson Activity

Use the map on the right hand side and the prompt on the next slide to answer the questions about the Cuban Missile Crisis.



Lesson Activity

In October 1962, U.S. reconnaissance discovered a buildup of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba. President John F. Kennedy demanded that the Soviets remove the missiles and ordered a blockade of Cuba. A tense standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union followed, bringing the two superpowers to the brink of nuclear conflict. Shortly after Kennedy issued his ultimatum, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev backed down, removing the missiles and avoiding the confrontation. The map below shows the locations of the Soviet missile installations and the area of the Cuban blockade. Examine the map, and answer the questions about it that follow using complete sentences.

Practice

1. How many Soviet missile and jet bomber bases were in Cuba? On which part of the island were they located?
2. What type of U.S. military base was located in Cuba? On what part of the island was it located?
3. What countries other than Cuba were inside the U.S. blockade zone?
4. What U.S. state is located closest to Cuba?
5. Which major bodies of water surround Cuba?

Reflection

The Cuban Missile Crisis also marked the closest point that the world had ever come to global nuclear war.

How did this incident change the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union at least until 1989?

Also, how is the relationship between the United States and Cuba in 2020? Trade? Diplomatic Relations?

Answers

1. How many Soviet missile and jet bomber bases were in Cuba? On which part of the island were they located? **6 Soviet missile bases and jet bomber bases. In the Northern and Central part of Cuba closest to Florida.**
2. What type of U.S. military base was located in Cuba? On what part of the island was it located? **US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay in the Southern part of Cuba.**
3. What countries other than Cuba were inside the U.S. blockade zone? **Soviet Union**
4. What U.S. state is located closest to Cuba? **Florida**
5. Which major bodies of water surround Cuba? **Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, & Caribbean Sea**