

The Cuban Missile Crisis

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Remember in class when we discussed how Fidel Castro overthrew Fulgencio Batista in Cuba in the year 1959? Yes, the old sugar business was booming. But then Castro revealed he was a communist! Oh no! He took over all businesses, property and freedoms! We did try to retake Cuba by invasion but it was complete *failure*. It was called The Bay of Pigs Invasion.

The USA quickly began an embargo against Cuba. And is still going on today. No more trade between these two countries for over 60 years!

So, the USSR became Cuba's new and best trading partner. It was the middle of the Cold War Era. This is why our embargo does not work very well.

As you know, Cuba is located only 90 miles from Florida!

In 1962, the United States military (using spy planes and cameras) discovered missile sites for nuclear missiles on the island of Cuba.

It began a tense thirteen-day showdown between U.S. President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The world came dangerously close to World War III, but Kennedy's plan for a blockade using ships to block Russia from bringing missiles into Cuba worked. We also had to remove some U.S. missiles from Turkey.

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Here is a website to read in further depth.

https://www.ducksters.com/history/cold_war/cuban_missile_crisis.php

