**Cuban Missile Crisis Reading Questions**

Using the information provided in the reading below, answer the following questions:

[The Cuban Missile Crisis Explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-cuban-missile-crisis-reading/)

1. What were the two superpowers involved in the Cold War during 1962?
2. What was the Cuban Missile Crisis?
3. Who ruled Cuba before the 1960s, and what was his relationship with American businesses?
4. What percentage of Cuba's telephone and electric companies were owned by American businesses under Batista's rule?
5. Who overthrew Batista's government in 1959?
6. What did Castro do to minimize America's control over Cuba's economy?
7. What was the Bay of Pigs Invasion?
8. How did Castro respond to the Bay of Pigs Invasion?
9. What did Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev secretly order in 1962?
10. Why did the Soviet Union place missiles in Cuba?
11. How did the United States discover the Soviet missiles in Cuba?
12. What were the three options President Kennedy considered in response to the discovery of the missiles?
13. What decision did Kennedy make, and how did he announce it?
14. What was the estimated death toll if the U.S. was hit by the Soviet missiles?
15. What significant event occurred on Saturday, October 27th?
16. How did the Cuban Missile Crisis end?
17. What were the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis for the Cold War?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What* [*changed*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/change-and-continuity/) *as a result of the Cuban Missile Crisis and what* [*stayed the same*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/change-and-continuity/)*?*