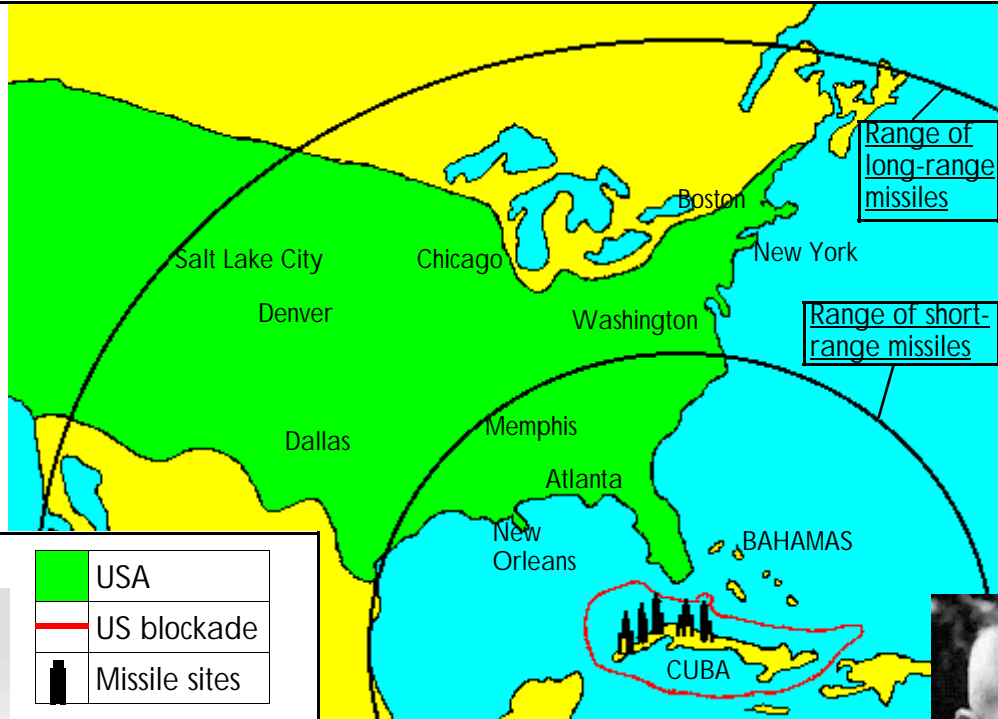


The Cuban Missile Crisis

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Kennedy



Khrushchev

In September 1962 the United States discovered that the Soviet Union had begun building nuclear missile sites on Cuba. In early October American Spy planes (U2s) produced photographic evidence of the existence of the sites. On hearing of this, President Kennedy called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Security Council to advise him on what action to take...

Complete the following tasks using your textbook and research

Background

1. Write a paragraph explaining why Fidel Castro's Cuba annoyed the US.
2. What did the Americans think their invasion of 1961 would achieve?
3. What were the real consequences of the failed 'Bay of Pigs' invasion?

The Cuban Missile Crisis

1. Copy the diagram from the groupwork exercise showing all the different options.
2. Using the results of the groupwork activity, as well as your textbook information explain why President Kennedy chose the option he did. Why were the other options so unsuitable?
3. Create your own timeline of the events of 1962. Cover the events related to the dates in the box below (currently **not** in chronological order):

May 1962	26 October	19 October	27 October	23 October	14 October	28 October	8 September	22 October
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4. What agreement was made to end the crisis? What did the USSR gain? What did the USA gain?
5. There were both short and long term consequences of the crisis – explain the five major consequences that you can identify.
6. How do the messages (Box 10.7) exchanged between Khrushchev and Kennedy show how serious the crisis had really become? Quote the source in your answer. [**Need to use Modern World Textbook**]