

U2 crisis- 1960

- U2 spy plane shot down by the USSR's new anti-aircraft weapons over USSR and USA claimed it was a weather plane that accidentally went of course.
- USSR found pictures of missile sites and suicide pill- Powers put on trial and sentenced to 10 years in prison.
- Khrushchev withdrew Eisenhower's visit to USSR which was supposed to be historic moment- tension clearly increasing.
- At Paris Peace Summit, Eisenhower accepted it was a spy plane but refused to apologise. He did suspend spy planes being used (but this means they will come back).
- Khrushchev angry with the response, stormed out of the summit after day one calling Eisenhower the 'thief caught red-handed in his theft'
- Eisenhower failed in his mission to end his presidency by stopping the progression of the Cold War. On the surface. US were to blame for this event.

1960s Cold War- Y10



The Berlin Wall- 1961

On 13th August 1961, East German troops lined the border between East and West Berlin and barbed wires were put up and trains could no longer pass the border. Over the following days a concrete wall was built. The reason given to build the wall was to stop Western spies entering Soviet territory, but one secret reason was that it was losing too many educated people to the West.

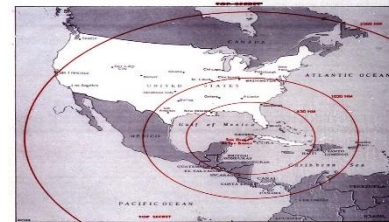
The Americans responses was to do nothing, they didn't see starting a war over East Berlin as a valid reason. As long as West Berlin and West Germany weren't affected President Kennedy was happy. One moment of tension was when a US diplomat was refused entry to East Germany. The military then tried to help them through the checkpoint, but this led to Soviet and American tanks facing off at Checkpoint Charlie. Eventually, Kennedy and Khrushchev agreed to remove tanks slowly but surely.

Cuban Missile Crisis- 1962

- US discovered that **USSR sent warheads** in the summer of 1962 and more were going **to be placed in Cuba** and as a result placed a blockade around the island, refusing to let any good enter- any ship to pass would be sunk.
- Khrushchev sent ships to the blockade carrying missiles- eventually ordered them to stop but not turn around- countries start preparing for what seemed an inevitable nuclear war.
- One ship sailed past the blockade, US searched and realised it was an oil tanker and let it sail past- US now prepared a 120,000 manned army to invade.
- **26th October 1962-** Kennedy receives letter saying he will take missiles out of Cuba as long as USA promise never to invade Cuba.
- **27th October AM 1962-** The lone submarine was detected- America drop bombs to shock it to surface- USSR nearly retaliate. A senior Commander was on the ship and stopped the commander from launching a nuclear torpedo.
- U2 plane shot down over Cuba and Kennedy was pushed to declare war on Cuba and USSR by his own government.
- **27th October PM-** Khrushchev sends new letter stating that if missiles were removed from Cuba, then US to remove missiles form Turkey. This was kept secret as the other option would have been a full-scale war.

Cuban Missile Crisis: The Start

- Cuba was run by a corrupt Dictator, General Batista. He was heavily funded by the Americans and gained mass profits whilst the majority of the public suffered in poverty. He dealt with opposition quickly, but more people started to rise in opposition to his government.
- Castro, in 1956, launched a 2-year guerrilla warfare fight against Batista. On 1st January 1959, Batista fled, and Castro declared a new Cuba.
- Once Castro was in power, he put businesses and industries under state control, even those owned by Americans. The Americans became hostile, refusing to communicate with Castro so Castro turned to the USSR. The USSR provided loans and oil to Cuba. The USA as a response stopped all trade with Cuba.
- Cuba became isolated and now relied both ideologically (Communism) and economically on the USSR.



Bay of Pigs- 1961

- Cuba being an **ally** (friend) of USSR on the doorstep of the USA concerned the President- plans drawn up on how to deal with Cuba.
- Plan was to train Cuban **exiles** (people who have fled Cuba), trained by the CIA and supported by the US air force.
- Members of the government started to learn **Cubans in Cuba wouldn't support** any possible invasion and the US started to become fearful that this invasion would break international law.
- US still carried on with plan as they had spent \$5million on it.
- 17th April 1961- Cuban exiles landed and it was a disaster. However, **the US withdrew air support** at last minute. 200 exiles were killed and 1197 were taken as prisoners.