


# The Cuban Missile Crisis - October, 1962.

 **Mission** : to take on the role of American President, John F Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

You will put yourself into president John F. Kennedy's shoes. The year is 1962 - three years since Fidel Castro took power during the Cuban Revolution and just one year after the botched attempt to remove him at the Bays of Pigs. The Bay of Pigs failure left you looking weak and increasingly unpopular with the American voters. Castro has aligned himself with the Soviet Union and has allowed them to begin the construction of long range missile sites on Cuban soil. Once the missile bases are complete the Soviets will be able to easily launch nuclear weapons against the USA. You must consider your options carefully, giving careful thought to the consequences of each option available to you. You should discuss 'other suggestions' as a group or class.

Options	 Potential Cuban Response	 Potential Soviet Response	 Potential American Public Response	Rank Choice 1-4
Invade Cuba				
Bomb the sites in Cuba				
Launch nuclear weapons against Cuba				
Launch nuclear weapons against the Soviets				
Do nothing				
Other suggestion ?				