

## **Fidel Castro, Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis**

1. Fidel Castro
  - a. Attempted to overthrow govt.-failed 1x
  - b. January 1st, 1959 finally successful
  - c. Castro quickly made Cuba a communist country (government owns everything and only 1 political party)
  - d. Got rid of opposition
  - e. Cuba relied on Russia until it collapsed
  - f. Cuba is a 3rd world country-> still communist
  - g. Castro ruled for 50 years, died in 2016
    - i. Many assassination attempts
    - ii. Ruled through 10 U.S. Presidents
2. Bay of Pigs-> April 1961
  - a. Attempted U.S. govt. overthrow of Castro
  - b. 1,400 Cuban exiles trained for guerilla warfare
  - c. Landing point->Bay of Pigs
    - i. Southern Cuba so not to suspect U.S.
  - d. Castro found out
  - e. Disaster
    - i. 1,200 were captured, 100 died
    - ii. Eventually released for \$53 million in baby food and medicine.
3. Cuban Missile Crisis-> October 1962
  - a. Cuba allows Soviets to start building missile launch sites
  - b. JFK issued a warning in Sept. 1962 to stop.
    - i. Soviets continued to build
  - c. Kennedy orders a quarantine of Cuba
    - i. Demands the dismantling of missile bases
    - ii. Goes on TV and warns the public
  - d. Khrushchev says it is an act of aggression and he continues
  - e. U.S. raises threat to DEFCON 2-war is imminent
  - f. Khrushchev sends 2 letters, JFK ignores the 2nd
    - i. Sends responses -> U.S. would not invade Cuba if Soviets dismantled and removed missiles.
  - g. Robert Kennedy meets with ambassador and agrees to remove missiles from Turkey (has to be kept private)
  - h. October 28th-Khrushchev announces removal of missiles
    - i. Nuclear war averted