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## PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVES

# The Cuban Missile Crisis through the Eyes of John F. Kennedy

### Why Do I Care?

The Cuban Missile Crisis happened more than half a century ago. But that doesn't mean that we can't learn something from the crisis. What lessons about international politics can be learned from how Kennedy and Khrushchev handled the Cuban Missile Crisis? How would history have changed if Cuba had fired missiles at the United States?



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### **You Are There**

This book discusses how close the United States came to war during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Imagine you are living in 1962 and have just watched Kennedy's televised speech regarding the crisis. Write a diary entry describing how his speech makes you feel. Be sure to add plenty of detail to your entry.



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### Say What?

Studying government and military history can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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### Another View

This book talks about Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this event. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. How are they similar? How are they different?



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