

How we chose our topic:

We were looking at the suggested topics of the year and came across the Cuban missile crisis. We believed that it was interesting and decided to look into it a bit more to confirm that this was the topic that we wanted to choose. As we looked deeper into this, we found it to be a topic that we would all be interested in creating our project around.

How the topic relates to the annual theme:

The Cuban Missile Crisis was mostly taken up by debates and talking between the three involved countries. As more was discovered, the three countries broke out into debate and diplomacy instead of starting a war, trying to resolve the issue without creating a reason for fresh conflict. Each country's diplomats struggled to come to a compromise, ultimately leading to the removal of the missiles from Cuba, hence preventing what could have been a devastating act of war. If negotiation had failed it could have caused a nuclear world war devastating the planet and its people.

How we conducted our research:

We conducted our research mainly online. We looked through many databases and articles written during and after the crises. With our research, we did our best to understand what was happening during the crises resulting in the main bulk of our sources being about the way the crises were handled and how the people on both sides thought about it. Another thing that was important to research is how the diplomats felt about each other before and after the negotiations.

How we made the project:

We made our project using the NHD website builder. We used the website builder to make the website and we used Noodle Tools to keep track of our sources and to make our bibliography. On the project, each group member took over some work on making the website pages and the website as a whole.

What is the historical argument:

The historical argument is that John F. Kennedy did the right thing to stop the Cuban Missile Crisis. Even if his advisors were split between military action and diplomatic action, Kennedy stepped up as a leader and chose debate and diplomacy to be the right thing to do to end the crisis. John F. Kennedy communicated with his adversaries and was able to bring compromise into play to bring peace back to the western hemisphere and prevent war.

How is the topic significant in history:

This topic has had a very significant effect on history. Because the US had decided to negotiate instead of invading, the armed missiles in Cuba were not launched. If the missiles in Cuba were launched on the US then there is the possibility of a world war starting and causing more damage and casualties. On top of preventing war, the negotiation set an example for future leaders to follow to help not make the same mistakes.

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