

IV: Two Worlds on Edge

Aim: Why did cold war tension escalate almost to the point of Nuclear war?

Do Now: Examine the two images and the questions that follow.



1. According to the US, what areas of the world are threatened by the USSR?
2. According to the USSR, what area of the world is threatened by the US?
3. What do the images suggest about the world?

Slide Presentation: [The Cold War](#)

Assignment 1: Watch the following videos and answer the questions.

[Sputnik Mania](#)

1. How did the Americans react to the launch of Sputnik? Why?

[Cuban Missile Crisis](#)

2. What was the name of the invasion to overthrow Fidel Castro?
3. How did Castro and the USSR respond to the invasion to overthrow Castro?
4. What action did Kennedy take to stop nuclear missiles in Cuba?
5. How was the Cuban Missile Crisis resolved?

Assessment: SEQ Read and analyze the following documents, applying your social studies knowledge and skills to write a short essay of two or three paragraphs in which you:

- Describe the historical context surrounding these documents
- Identify and explain the relationship between the events and/or ideas found in these documents (Cause and Effect, or Similarity/Difference, or Turning Point)



Historical Context:

Relationship: