C-SPAN CLASSROOM
CREATED BY CABLE

Handout: Bay of Pigs

Your Name:

View the linked videos below and respond to the related questions. When you have completed your work, save it and submit it to your teacher.

1.

Bay of Pigs Invasion Archival Video
Describe your observations and reactions to the news that was presented in the video.

2.

1960 Presidential Debate: Kennedy-Nixon Positions Regarding Cuba
Explain the position of each candidate on Cuba.
How did this issue impact the election?
Explain how domestic politics influenced Pres. Kennedy's decision-making regarding the Bay of Pigs.

3.

Bay of Pigs Invasion Overview
What was the goal of the Bay of Pigs invasion?
Describe the process of the planned invasion.
Explain what happened on April 17, 1961.
According to Nicholas Dujmovic, how is this viewed today?

4.

Bay of Pigs Invasion
Describe the mistakes that occurred when this plan was executed.

5.

Was the Bay of Pigs Invasion a Secret?
Describe the mistakes that occurred when this plan was executed.

6.

Who Were the Exiles in the Bay of Pigs Invasion?
Why did people leave Cuba and where did they go?
Explain the relationship between exiles and the CIA.

7.

Reasons for U.S. Participation in the Bay of Pigs
Why did U.S. officials decide to intervene in the Bay of Pigs?

8.

Jose Basulto, Cuban Exile and Bay of Pigs Veteran
Describe Jose Basulto's involvement with the Bay ofPigs invasion.

9.

Alfredo Duran: Bay of Pigs Participant
Describe Alfredo Duran's experience during the Bay of Pigs invasion.

10.

Pres. Kennedy Address on the Bay of Pigs
Explain the president's position regarding Cuba and the U.S.

11.

US-Soviet Relationship Following Bay of Pigs
What were the consequences of the Bay of Pigs invasion?
Explain the legacy of this event for Pres. Kennedy as Nicholas Dujmovic describes.