

## Cuban Missile Crisis chronological card sort

Arrange the 10 statements below in chronological order to produce a timeline of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

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An American spy plane flew over Cuba and photographed missile sites under construction.

Castro openly aligned Cuba with the Soviet Union.

Fidel Castro landed an army in Cuba and launched a rebellion against the military dictator, Batista.

Kennedy decided to impose a quarantine zone around Cuba and threatened the use of nuclear weapons.

President Kennedy was informed of the missile sites under construction in Cuba. He considered possible diplomatic and/or military action.

The rebellion succeeded and Batista fled Cuba. Castro assumed power.

The Soviet ships travelling to Cuba reversed their course.

The Soviet Union announced that they would remove their missiles from Cuba.

The Soviet Union proposed dismantling the Soviet bases in Cuba in exchange for a public pledge from the USA not to invade Cuba.

Teaching Notes

The chronological card sort is also available (for subscribers only) as an interactive activity (search for 22416 on [www.teachithistory.co.uk](http://www.teachithistory.co.uk)). The correct order and relevant dates are provided below. One approach with this is for students complete the card sort and then, after you have checked this as a class (the interactive version is great for this), they could then stick the cards into their notes and annotate with the precise date.

<b>2 December 1956</b>	Fidel Castro landed an army in Cuba and launched a rebellion against the military dictator, Batista.
<b>1 January 1959</b>	The rebellion succeeded and Batista fled Cuba. Castro assumed power.
<b>19 December 1960</b>	Castro openly aligned Cuba with the Soviet Union.
<b>17 April 1961</b>	A rebel group of Cuban exiles, supported by the USA, invaded Cuba at the Bay of Pigs. They wanted to overthrow Castro, but the invasion was a total failure and the USA was publicly embarrassed.
<b>14 October 1962</b>	An American spy plane flew over Cuba and photographed missile sites under construction.
<b>16 October 1962</b>	President Kennedy was informed of the missile sites under construction in Cuba. He considered possible diplomatic and/or military action.
<b>21 October 1962</b>	Kennedy decided to impose a quarantine zone around Cuba and threatened the use of nuclear weapons.
<b>24 October 1962</b>	The Soviet ships travelling to Cuba reversed their course.
<b>26 October 1962</b>	The Soviet Union proposed dismantling the Soviet bases in Cuba in exchange for a public pledge from the USA not to invade Cuba.
<b>28 October 1962</b>	The Soviet Union announced that they would remove the missiles from Cuba.