

# TIMELINE

## The Cuban Missile Crisis

**This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.**

Print off and cut out the cards below.

Select the *six* most important events and place them against the correct date on the timeline.

Explain HOW they turned out to be important – what were the consequences.

Finally, using all the event cards, practise placing the events next to the correct dates.

January 1961 ↓	Kennedy becomes US president. He immediately breaks off diplomatic relations with Cuba.
April 1961 ↓	A CIA-funded invasion at the Bay of Pigs is defeated.
June 1961 ↓	At the Vienna summit, Khrushchev orders Kennedy to get out of West Berlin.
August 1961 ↓	The Russians build the Berlin Wall, taking the USA by surprise.
September 1961 ↓	Khrushchev starts sending weapons to Cuba.
November 1961 ↓	Kennedy authorises Operation Mongoose, including attempts to assassinate Castro.
14 October 1962 ↓	A US spy-plane discovers ICBM launch pads in Cuba, starting the <b>Cuban Missile Crisis</b> .
22 October 1962 ↓	Kennedy announces a naval blockade.
25 October 1962 ↓	Russian ships reach the blockade but turn back.
26 October 1962 ↓	Khrushchev offers to dismantle the bases if Kennedy promises not to invade. Kennedy agrees.
27 October 1962 ↓	Khrushchev tells Kennedy to dismantle US missile bases in Turkey. Kennedy agrees as long as it remains secret.
28 October 1962	Khrushchev accepts Kennedy's offer; the <b>Cuban Missile Crisis ends</b> .