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Missiles And Diplomacy Answer Key

Sample Summary: The Cuban Missile Crisis ended when the United States and the Soviet Union reached a secret agreement. The Soviets removed their missiles from Cuba in exchange for a U.S. promise not to invade the island and the later removal of American missiles from Turkey. The peaceful resolution prevented nuclear war and marked a turning point toward improved communication between the two superpowers.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: This activity helps students practice **summarizing complex historical events**, focusing on diplomacy, negotiation, and crisis management during the Cold War.

Tips for Differentiation:

- **For emerging writers:** Provide a sentence starter such as "The crisis ended when..." or "Both sides agreed to..."
- **For advanced learners:** Ask students to analyze what lessons world leaders might have learned from the crisis.
- **For English language learners:** Pre-teach key terms like *blockade*, *missile*, and *negotiation*.

Engagement Ideas:

- Have students role-play as members of Kennedy's or Khrushchev's advisory teams deciding how to respond.
- Conduct a brief classroom "simulation" where students propose solutions before reading the historical outcome.

Extension Ideas:

- Connect the crisis to modern examples of nuclear tension and discuss how diplomacy is used today.
- Ask students to research how this event led to the creation of the "hotline" between Washington and Moscow.
- Have students write a short reflection on whether they believe the resolution was fair to both sides.