

“Debate and Diplomacy in the Cuban Missile Crisis”

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Group Website

Website: 1176 Words

2:16 Multimedia Length

Process Paper:

457 Words

Our topic is the Cuban Missile Crisis. This topic interests us because it represents a major moment in history that still affects us today. One reason for choosing this topic is our interest in Cold War history and politics. I began to gain interest in this topic when I watched the movie “Thirteen Days,” about the crisis. I was interested in the history of the crisis, and suggested the topic to my partner. From there, we chose the topic and started our project.

We conducted our research through various online sources. We used sites such as Google and the National Archives to point us in the direction of useful sources. Online archives such as the JFK library and archives from various universities helped to provide some primary sources. Our primary sources included items such as the letters sent by Khrushchev, and J.F.K.’s speech on the Cuban Missile Crisis. Various online articles and interviews helped to provide our secondary sources. As we conducted our research, our interest in the topic grew, as we now knew more information about our topic. Our newfound knowledge allowed us to create our thesis and begin creation of our project

After careful deliberation, we chose the website category for our project. We chose this category because of our interest and experience with technology and the internet. Because of this interest in technology, we believed that choosing the website category would be the most fun and engaging medium for our NHD project. We also believed that experience with this website creation technology could help us later in life, further enhancing our interest in this project category. Overall, the culmination of these factors led us to select the website category. With enthusiasm, we began our project.

Using NHD Webcentral to create our website, we began our project. We started by working on our homepage and navigation features. Following this, we created multiple website pages to host our various information. As we progressed through our website pages, we added various multimedia and images to our website. Both of us made contributions, and we soon finished our project. Some problems we encountered included image citations, formatting and the 1,200 limit. After working through all these problems, we finished our project.

To conclude this process paper, our topic closely relates to the 2021-2022 NHD theme of “Debate and Diplomacy in History”. The Cuban Missile Crisis includes elements of both debate and diplomacy; The debate over missile placement, and the

diplomacy of missile removal. Throughout the project, our historical argument was that the Cuban Missile was largely a success for diplomacy and the thawing of the Cold War. In conclusion, our topic relates to history because of its long-term historical impact, and its historical significance.