

20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. History  
13 Days Reading Assignment

**Identify the following terms**

John F. Kennedy  
Robert McNamara  
Adlai Stevenson  
Andrei Gromoyko  
V.A. Zorin  
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Robert F. Kennedy  
Maxwell Taylor  
John McCone  
OAS  
Guantanamo Bay  
Ex-Comm

Dean Rusk  
Theodore Sorensen  
McGeorge Bundy  
Fidel Castro  
Nikita Khrushchev  
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**Short Answer: Complete all six questions.**

1. What other strategies, other than blockade, were argued by President Kennedy's staff during this confrontation with Russia in 1962?
2. How did the CIA verify that Russia was placing nuclear missiles in Cuba?
3. What, according to Gromyko, was the U.S.S.R.'s sole objective in Cuba?
4. What, according to Robert Kennedy, were the moral implications of an attack on Cuba?
5. Why did President Kennedy accept Khrushchev's proposals in his first letter rather than his second letter? What were some of the differences in the two letters?
6. What were some of the lessons to be learned by this confrontation with Russia in 1962? Have we learned them?

### **Section III: Short Answer**

1. The authors emphasize peaceful transition of officials after an election. Why is this so important? How can this be compared to recent events in Iraq?

2. Explain the significance of Marbury v. Madison as a check on legislative power.