Cold War Web-hunt: Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis, and Berlin Wall

Directions: Go to each website, follow the instructions, and answer the questions.

*A. Go to* [*www.coldwar.org*](http://www.coldwar.org) *and click on the 1950s tab at the top. Scroll down and click on Korean War (June 25th 1950-July 27th 1953).*

1. Who supported South Korea?

2. Who supported North Korea?

3. Why did the US/UN come to the aid of South Korea?

4. Who won the Korean War?

*B. Navigate to <http://www.foundationnationalarchives.org/cmc/> and click on Enter Microsite. Using the arrows on the right, scroll through and answer the questions.*

1. Who is the Russian Dictator (Premier) in 1962? The US President?

2. Why did the Russian Premier place nuclear-armed missiles in Cuba?

3. Name a US city that could’ve been hit from missiles in Cuba?

4. What three options did the US President have?

5. What does the US learn about the Russian missiles in Cuba on Oct 18th?

6. What action did the President take on Cuba? What did the President’s advisors urge the President to take? Why did the President not listen to his advisors?

7. On Oct 22nd, 1961 at 7pm, the president addressed the nation: What did he ask the Soviets to do?

8. With Soviet submarines lurking near the US blockade, what did the US decide to do?

9. What did the soviet submarine commander, Cpt. Valentin Savitsky, do in response? Why didn’t he fire on the US ships?

10. What two separate events happened on Oct 27th, 1961 that if you were Russia, might view as an act of war?

11. Why do you think the Soviet Premier backed-down? What did the US secretly promise the Russians?

12. If you were the Russian Premier, would you have backed down? Why or why not?

C. *Navigate to* [*http://www.newseum.org/berlinwall*](http://www.newseum.org/berlinwall) *and click on Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall.*

1. Click on the section called “Before the Wall”:

---What happened to Berlin and Germany at the end of World War II?

2. Click on section called “Building the Wall”:

---Why did the Russians build the wall?

---If you were living in East Germany and you saw the wall being built would it make you feel safer or trapped? Why?

3. Click on the section “Trying to Escape”:

--What are some ways East Berliners/East Germans tried to escape?

4. Click on “Living with the Wall”:

---How did people in East Berlin/East Germany get information about the West, democracy, capitalism, and freedom?

---If you were living in West Germany or West Berlin, what might you tell someone living in the east? Would you tell them about current events? Sports? Democracy? Capitalism? Freedom? Why?

5. Click on “Fighting the Wall”:

--How did people in East Berlin and East Germany live?

--Why did the wall fall?

--What happened on November 9th, 1989 (11/9/89)?