The Cold War - “Cuba: 1959-1962”

1. Who owned most of Cuba’s land and industry?
   a. Cuban businessmen  
   b. American corporations 
   c. the Cuban government  
   d. the mafia

2. Who was the brutal dictator of Cuba before the Cuban Revolution?
   a. Che Guevara  
   b. Fulgencio Bautista  
   c. Juan Peron  
   d. Fidel Castro

3. Who led victorious guerilla fighters into Havana on January 8, 1959?
   a. Che Guevara  
   b. Fulgencio Bautista  
   c. Juan Peron  
   d. Fidel Castro

4. What did Castro do with millions of acres owned by American companies in Cuba?
   a. nationalized it and gave it to the people  
   b. seized the land for himself and his family  
   c. seized the land and sold it to United Fruit  
   d. none of the above

5. How did Castro respond when the U.S. refused to refine Cuban oil?
   a. nothing  
   b. began a government project to build Cuba’s own refineries  
   c. leased refineries owned by foreign countries  
   d. He seized foreign owned refineries.

6. How did the U.S. respond to the nationalization of American businesses in Cuba?
   a. By demanding a meeting with Castro  
   b. With a U.S. military invasion.  
   c. With an embargo  
   d. Americans did nothing in response

7. Which government agency planned an invasion of Cuba using Cuban exiles and misled President Kennedy about its likelihood of success?
   a. The Marines  
   b. The FBI  
   c. The CIA  
   d. the NSA

8. What happened during the Bay of Pigs invasion?
   a. Cuban exiles landed in an operation to remove Castro from power.  
   b. American air support never arrived to help the Cuban exiles.  
   c. The Cuban exiles were easily defeated within 72 hours.  
   d. all of the above
9. How did American military exercises in the spring of 1962 backfire?
   a. Cuba attacked Florida.
   b. Communists seized power in other Latin American countries.
   c. Castro moved closer to the Soviet Union and allowed them to move in nuclear missiles.
   d. all of the above

10. Why were missiles in Cuba a strategic threat to the United States?
    a. They would give the Soviet Union first strike capability.
    b. They would make it easier for the Soviet Union to land soldiers in Florida.
    c. They would make it easier for the Soviets to invade Germany.
    d. none of the above

11. Which solution to the missile crisis was the most popular with Kennedy’s advisors?
    a. an invasion of Cuba
    b. a blockade
    c. diplomatic negotiations
    d. an airstrike to knock out the missiles.

12. What solution did Kennedy finally decide on?
    a. an invasion of Cuba
    b. a blockade
    c. diplomatic negotiations
    d. an airstrike to knock out the missiles.

13. How did Kennedy respond when a U-2 Spy plane was shot down by the Cubans?
    a. He ordered an immediate counterstrike to take out the missile site.
    b. He held off on retaliation.
    c. He moved the country to Defcon one.
    d. none of the above

14. How did the Soviet Union and United States compromise to end the crisis?
    a. The United States promised to NOT invade Cuba.
    b. The Soviet Union promised to remove its nuclear weapons from Cuba.
    c. The United States pledged to remove its nuclear weapons form Turkey.
    d. all of the above

15. Who do you think won in this crisis? Explain.