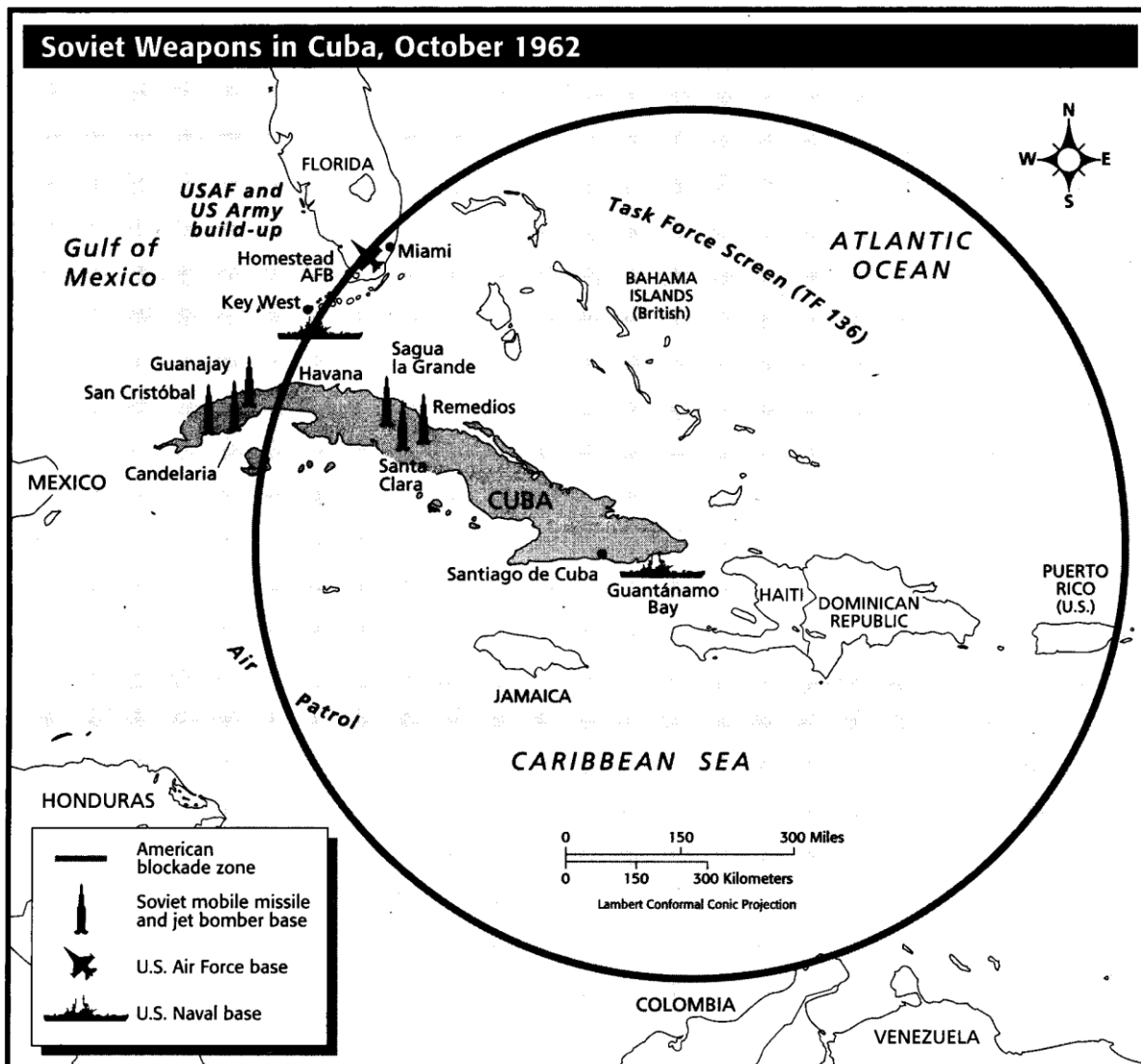


# Cuban Missile Crisis Worksheet

In October 1962, U.S. reconnaissance discovered a buildup of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba. President John F. Kennedy demanded that the Soviets remove the missiles and ordered a blockade of Cuba. A tense standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union followed, bringing the two superpowers to the brink of nuclear conflict. Shortly after Kennedy issued his ultimatum, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev backed down, removing the missiles and avoiding the confrontation. The map below shows the locations of the Soviet missile installations and the area of the Cuban blockade. Examine the map, and answer the questions about it that follow using complete sentences. This assignment is worth a total of 15 points possible.



1. How many Soviet missile and jet bomber bases were in Cuba? On which part of the island were they located?
2. What type of U.S. military base was located in Cuba? On what part of the island was it located?
3. What countries other than Cuba were inside the U.S. blockade zone?
4. What U.S. state is located closest to Cuba?
5. Which major bodies of water surround Cuba?
6. When President Kennedy ordered the Soviet Union to remove the missiles from Cuba, he also ordered a blockade of the island. How would the blockade have helped Kennedy achieve his objective of getting missiles out of Cuba?