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**Bay of Pigs Invasion- Answers**

1. Going into the late 1950’s what Cuban dictator was supported by the United States of America?

**Fulgencia Batista**

1. What U.S. President believed that it was not a good idea for the United States to support such a corrupt dictator for so many years?

**John Kennedy**

1. In 1959 there was a successful revolution in Cuba led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. His primary commanders were Che Guevera and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Fidel Castro ---------- Raul Castro (younger Brother of Fidel)**

1. The narrator identifies these revolutionary leaders as “left leaning”. Explain what you think this means?

**That they might be Communist**

1. Following the revolution what did the government do that made many realize that this revolution was not just a “nationalist” revolution but a “communist” revolution?

**Seized private properties and privately owned businesses**

1. Following the successful revolution there was a significant migration of Cubans from Cuba to the United States (Florida). Describe those who migrated to the U.S.

**Middle Class, Upper Class, Educated Cubans who had something to lose when Castro seized private property**

1. When Cuba fell to communism, within the context of the Cold War, this was an example of the U.S. policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ failing.

**Containment**

1. In the United States there were very real concerns that the new Cuban leader would ally himself with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Soviet Union**

1. The Cuban exiles and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed that if they could just start a revolution that most of the Cuban people would join that revolution. In reality the Cuban leader was far more popular than the Cuban exiles would lead us to believe. The new Cuban leader was especially popular among the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**CIA (Central Intelligence Agency led by Allen Dulles)- Poor**

1. The invasion began with the Cuban exiles conducting air attacks on Cuban soil that were launched from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the second day they attempted to create a diversion on the North side of the Island. On the third day, April 17, 1961, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cuban exiles landed at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Within three days most of the exiles were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Nicaraugua ------ 1400 ---------Bay of Pigs ------------Killed or Captured**

1. Who did the CIA and the Cuban exiles blame and why do they believe the invasion failed?

**They Blamed JFK. They felt that he did not provide the necessary air and ground support when things started to go poorly.**

1. Who did Kennedy blame and why did he believe the invasion failed?

**JFK blamed the CIA, He felt it was poorly planned and that he was provided with poor intelligence or misinformation**

1. Following the failed invasion what advice does Kennedy offer his successor?

**Don’t place too much confidence/trust in Generals or the Military in general**

1. For the United States, what were the negative consequences of the failed invasion?

**Castro became strengthened and he became openly communists and aligned more closely with the Soviet Union. He also becomes open to the Soviets placing Missiles in Cuba**