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1. What were the main causes of the Cuban Missile Crisis and how did Kennedy detect and address the issue?

Potential answers to this question may bring to argument about ideological conflicts between the USSR and the USA after the world became *bipolar* with the termination of WWII. Additionally, the cold war scenario can also be explained as an answer to this question. Moreover, it can be argued that John F. Kennedy blurred the areas of conflict between the two great powers and highlighted the matters of global survival (Stern, 2003). Regarding the question, it is important to reveal the background story leading to the Cuban Missile Crisis and the way Kennedy saved both the world and the dignity of the USA. This question is important for the research because the crisis cannot be understood without comprehending what was happening in the context.

1. What were the features of John F. Kennedy’s personality which can be held responsible for check-mating the threat of a global nuclear war?

International politics is usually influenced by the policies of international leaders like Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy. John F. Kennedy had a glamorous personality and lived like a celebrity. This question is important to explore the influence of Kennedy's personality on the Cuban Missile Crisis to learn which traits of his personality, and how he, helped to ease the tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States of America, when both superpowers were stretching muscles to start a *great* war. Potential answers to the question can identify Kennedy’s logical, sensible, and humane approach towards national and international politics, and his acceptance in the world beyond America’s national borders.

1. How did John F. Kennedy use the UN and other international platforms to avoid the war?

The potential answers to the question can be attempted visiting the way that John F. Kennedy acted after the crisis started. He knew that the Soviets would act furiously while being threatened by the international forums, such as the UNO, so he did not use such platforms to threaten the Soviets, rather, he used these platforms to persuade the USSR to reach a peaceful solution to the crisis (Allison, 2012). This question can add many concepts to my thesis like the role and importance of international platforms in saving the world from a nuclear war. This question is important for my thesis for it can help me to highlight another aspect of international politics: the positive role of international platforms.

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