**Analysis activity 8.4: Developing your own argument**

1. In your opinion, who was the key aggressor in this crisis? You must support your ideas with evidence. Key points to consider would be:

* Kennedy initiated the Bay of Pigs invasion and the quarantine; he called the missiles in Cuba ‘offensive [attacking] weapons’.
* Khrushchev initiated shipments of missiles and troops to Cuban soil; he called the missiles ‘defensive weapons’.

1. Which leader deserves the credit for avoiding nuclear war?