**Focus questions 8.3**

*I want to make one thing absolutely clear; when we put our ballistic missiles in Cuba, we had no desire to start a war … our principal aim was only to deter America from starting a war. We were well aware that a war which started over Cuba would quickly expand into a world war … Our goal was precisely the opposite: we wanted to keep the Americans from invading Cuba, and, to that end, we wanted to make them think twice by confronting them with our missiles.*

Nikita Khrushchev, 1977

1. What was Khrushchev’s main aim in putting Soviet missiles in Cuba?

1. What was his attitude to war?