

## 10US History The Cold War – B

### Learning Target:

*I can evaluate the evolving performance of JFK in dealing with the Soviets from the Bay of Pigs to the Cuban Missile Crisis.*

### 2. Crisis In Berlin

#### *Leaders –*

USSR –  
-Khrushchev

USA –  
-John F. Kennedy

#### *Nikita Khrushchev's Ultimatum (1958) –*

- The West must recognize the sovereignty of communist East Germany and remove all troops from West Berlin
- West refused and Khrushchev backed down

#### *The Vienna Summit –*

- Informal meeting between Kennedy and Khrushchev
- Khrushchev was very aggressive and reissued his ultimatum for West Berlin
- Kennedy refused to negotiate over West Berlin

#### *President Kennedy's Response –*

- Kennedy did not want to risk war over Berlin but could not appear weak
- Kennedy asks Congress to increase US troop strength to West Berlin

#### *The Building of the Berlin Wall –*

- August 1961 –  
-2,000 refugees a day flowing from E. Berlin to W. Berlin
- August 17, 1961 –  
-25-mile Berlin Wall started to stop people going to W. Berlin
- Tensions grew until it became clear that Khrushchev only wanted to stop to migration of East Berlin citizens to West Berlin

#### *Conclusions –*

- Kennedy showed his support for West Berlin and showed he could be strong with the communists after the Bay of Pigs
- The Berlin Wall would become the most recognized symbol of the Cold War