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Thirteen Days: Questions

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FILM ANALYSIS SHEET-Thirteen Days				
1.	Which Presidential administration in the middle of the	crisis?		
2.	What is the connection between Cuba and Berlin?			
3.	Why was there a problem with putting Soviet Missiles i	n Cuba?		
4.	How was the President informed of the possibility of m	ssiles in Cuba?		
5.	What are the estimates of the capabilities of the missile cabinet discussion about what action to take? What opt Kennedy's position on the matter?			
6.	What course of action does the President's Cabinet wish	ı to choose and	why?	
7.	Why is the word "quarantine" used instead of blockade?	,		

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8.	What was the purpose of the quarantine of Cuba?
9.	President Kennedy has 3 choices- quarantine, air-strike, make a deal (trade missiles etc.) What was the problem of each of these options?
10.	As part of the strategy to gain more information, low level flights are authorized. During this part of the movie, O'Donnell speaks to one of the pilots. What does O'Donnell tell the pilot and why does he say this?
	YOUR OWN SHEET OF PAPER ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN PLETE SENTENCES AND ATTACH IT TO THE WORKSHEET
11.	President Kennedy convened a large group of military leaders and foreign affairs experts in a team known as EXCOMM. Was the large body of advisors counterproductive? What are the pros and cons of a large advisory group? What are the pros and cons of the President alone making the choices, without the input of a large advisory body?
12.	What role does the UN play in this crisis? Does UN involvement seem to help or hurt the situation-EXPLAIN!

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13. The National Security Archives Web site contains the following statement: "If the Cuban Missiles Crisis was the most dangerous passage of the Cold War, the most dangerous moment of the Cuban Missile Crisis was the evening of Saturday, 27 October 1962, when the resolution of the crisis – war or peace- appears to hang in the balance."

How effectively is this portrayed in the Movie?

- 14. In your opinion how close we to WWIII, why do you feel this way, explain in detail.
- 15. How important do you feel is diplomacy, especially in matters of National Security, or "should we shoot and ask questions later"? Explain your answer
- 16. Cuba's leader Fidel Castro attempted to justify the Russian actions, saying his island needed nuclear weapons to defend itself against aggression by the U.S.A., major source of confrontation between the U.S. and Iraq was Saddam Hussein's past desire to develop nuclear weapons (in the early 1990s); today it is North Korea and Iran. Should every country "have the right to defend itself with nuclear weapons," or are such weapon a special case, requiring international control of these weapons (by authorities such as the International Atomic Energy Agency)? **EXPLAIN your answer.**