



## ANSWERS

1. The U.S. effort to overthrow Fidel Castro's government in Cuba in 1961. It was named after the bay that was the location of the U.S. invasion.
2. to prevent the spread of communism from reaching the Americas
3. Fidel Castro
4. The U.S. government tasked the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to overthrow Castro's government, they recruited many Cuban exiles and trained them in guerilla (unconventional) warfare
5. Castro learned about the secret plan to invade Cuba. Though the Cuban air force was damaged, Cuba was prepared for the attack. They got planes up to fight back against the invaders. The U.S. ground operations was too slow, and U.S. ships were sunk by Cuban plans before they could unload troops and ammunition. The paratrooper operation was a disaster, and the U.S. forces were quickly surrounded, captured, and imprisoned.
6. It strengthened Castro's government in Cuba and pushed him into closer alliance with the Soviets, who placed missiles in Cuba the following year, leading to the Cuban Missile Crisis.