



D&I Words of Visionaries

Module 1: Speeches of the Visionaries Module 2: The Nuclear Race

At Dreamers & Innovators currently, Dreamers have been engaged in two modules namely: 'Speeches of Visionaries' and 'The Nuclear Race'. Each of the modules is designed to familiarize the youth of tomorrow with the knowledge that has formed the building blocks of our contemporary world.

'Speeches of Visionaries' covers six thoughtfully curated speeches by significant personalities. In this newsletter, inspired by **J. K. Rowling's speech, 'Benefits of Failure'**, Shudit contemplates the personal challenges and benefits we experience as a consequence of fear in our lives.

'**The Nuclear Race**' showcases the domino effect of the events that have engulfed the world today in the uncalled-for Nuclear Race. The fourth session focuses on the Cuban Missile Crisis: the moment when the world arrived at the brink of WW III. Dreamers: Manek and Devika narrate the tale of this dire event that raises the hair on your nape.

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Overcoming One's Fears



Fear is a natural, powerful human emotion. It involves a universal biochemical response as well as a high individual emotion response. I have a fear of public speaking. I am comfortable while conversing with people in everyday situations but the moment I get on stage, I start to tremble. I may be well versed in my language but there is always a possibility that I might goof up. This is caused due to my fear of failure. Having fear isn't always bad. It is this fear that pushes us to do better. But we need to overcome our fears. Fears can be curbed by channelizing them productively. We need to learn to improve our self-confidence we should believe in ourselves and our abilities. The best way to fight with your fear is to meditate before we go to sleep.

Shudit Chandwani
11 years

The Man Who Saved The World



Devika Tikku, 16 years

At The Brink Of World War III

Manek Mehra, 13 years

Once upon a time, the two superpowers of the world, USA and USSR (present-day Russia), had a stand-off, which was the closest the world has gotten to World War III and a full-scale nuclear war. Before looking at the main war, I would like to go over some things that led to this. There is not one but many reasons why this happened. First of all, The failed Bay of Pigs invasion. This was a failed attempt by the U.S. Government to land on the south west coast of Cuba. Secondly, Communism vs Capitalism. With the rise of Communism in Cuba, USA stopped buying sugar from Cuba, which caused a lot of tension. Third, the main trigger was when USA found Russian missiles in Cuba. This happened in 1962.

Two days later, the then president of the United States: John F. Kennedy was told about this. He had many options, to invade Cuba, to impose sanctions on it or go to the UN. After a lot of consideration, he imposed a naval blockade. While this was going on, USA had missiles in both Turkey and Italy. The then Russian president, Nikita Khrushchev sent two letters to John F. Kennedy. In the first letter, Nikita Khrushchev promised to remove missiles from Cuba if USA lifted the naval blockade; in the second letter, Khrushchev also added that USA had to remove its missiles from Turkey. This is how World War III almost occurred. Afterwards, a direct phone line setup between Moscow and Washington DC to solve any conflicts they'd have, which exists till this day.

"We're going to blast them now! We will die, but we will sink them all – we will not become the shame of the fleet," exclaimed officer Valentin Savitsky.

In 1962, during the peak of the Cold War between the USA and USSR, the relations between both the countries were tense, the world was on the brink of another World War. One of the contributing reasons of the intense tension being the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Cuba's dictator Fulgencio Batista had recently been replaced by Fidel Castro. America had refused trade with Cuba upon learning Castro's intentions of turning Cuba into a Communist Country. USSR helped revive the economy of Cuba by agreeing to buy their sugar. Kennedy grew suspicious of the Soviets and made many attempts to gather information about them like by planning invasions like The Bay of Pigs, which resulted in a huge embarrassment for him, and by sending U2 spy planes to investigate the rumors of missiles planted by the Soviets in Cuba, which ended up being true. When questioned, the leaders of the USSR stated that they had done this to protect themselves from Americans, whose nuclear arsenal was also ready in Turkey and Italy. Kennedy ordered a naval blockade around Cuba where ships were stopped and searched. The situation worsened when 12 Soviet ships were spotted near Cuba, on 28th October. By then the American Navy were preparing for nuclear war. But suddenly Nikita Khrushchev ordered the ships to turn around. This decision was taken after one of the Soviet submarine officers Vasili Arkhipov, refused to launch a nuclear torpedo after USA had dropped a depth-charger, even when all the other officers on board wanted the opposite. The torpedo was never fired and if it had been the world would have been completely different. The attack would have caused massive devastation and deaths of a lot of civilians. Hence, World War 3 was averted. Upon returning to USSR, a statue was built in Arkhipov's honor and he was awarded "The Future of Life" award.