The Black Death was a bubonic plague pandemic occurring in Afro-Eurasia from 1346 to 1353. It is estimated to have killed nearly 75 to 200 million people in Eurasia[1]. The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, the event during the Cold War in which the Soviet Union placed nuclear missiles in Cuba and tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union was high[2]. The contribution of the Black Death in causing the Cuban Missile Crisis can be explained in how the antisemitic sentiment that rose in Europe during the black death led to the Cold War. In many European Christian nations the Jews were blamed to be the cause of the plague. False rumors that the cause of the plague came from the poisoning of wells by the Jews circulated around Christian nations, leading the Christian population to attack or massacre Jewish communities. Even after the plaque subsided, antisemitic sentiment in many Christian nations such as the Holy Roman Empire remained[3]. This antisemitic sentiment developed into the economic antisemitism during the renaissance and ultimately the racial antisemitism in the early modern era and the early 20th century[4]. The Nazi party utilized this antisemitic sentiment within Germany during the early 20th century that allowed the Nazi party to come into power and cause WW2[5]. At the end of the war, the US and the Soviet Union, two of the victorious nations of the allies, have experienced rapid increase in production and have achieved the state of global superpowers after their victory[6]. The US and Soviet Union's placement in the world as global superpowers is what led the two nations to avoid major conflicts and enter a "Cold War"[7]. As the Cuban Missile Crisis is a result of the Cold War, it can be said that all mentioned historic events have led to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

- [1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\_Death
- [2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuban\_Missile\_Crisis
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- [4] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antisemitism\_in\_Europe#Germany
- [5] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi\_Party
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