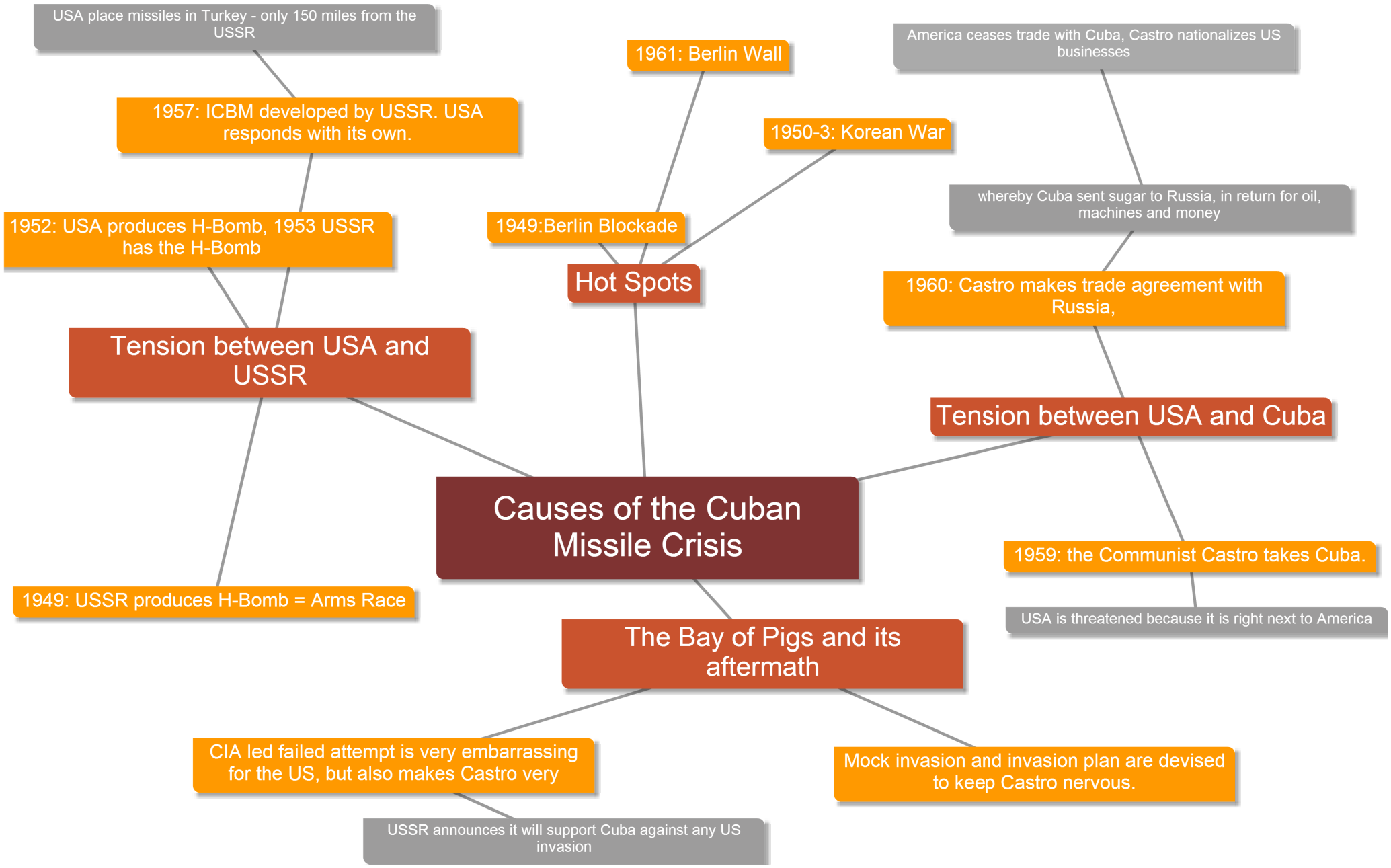
Causes of the Cuban Missile Crisis
Tension between USA and USSR
1952: USA produces H-Bomb, 1953 USSR has the H-Bomb
1957: ICBM developed by USSR. USA responds with its own.
USA place missiles in Turkey - only 150 miles from the USSR
1949: USSR produces H-Bomb = Arms Race
Hot Spots
1949:Berlin Blockade
1961: Berlin Wall
1950-3: Korean War
Tension between USA and Cuba
1960: Castro makes trade agreement with Russia,
whereby Cuba sent sugar to Russia, in return for oil, machines and money
America ceases trade with Cuba, Castro nationalizes US businesses
1959: the Communist Castro takes Cuba.
USA is threatened because it is right next to America
The Bay of Pigs and its aftermath
CIA led failed attempt is very embarrassing for the US, but also makes Castro very
USSR announces it will support Cuba against any US invasion
Mock invasion and invasion plan are devised to keep Castro nervous.