

# Impact of the Cuban Revolution

## CLOZE Notes I

### Independence

- Cuba gained its independence \_\_\_\_\_ during the Spanish-American War.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Cuba for a few years and helped the new country set up a government.
- After the US left, Cuba went through a series of \_\_\_\_\_ for fifty years.

### Leadership

- Some of Cuba's leaders were elected, while others \_\_\_\_\_
- In the mid-1900s, the leader of the Cuban government was \_\_\_\_\_
- Batista had originally been elected as president, but made himself \_\_\_\_\_

### Unrest

- Many \_\_\_\_\_ with Batista's corrupt government during this time.
- \_\_\_\_\_, education was poor, and healthcare was limited.
- Social and economic problems \_\_\_\_\_ of many Cubans.
- There was a \_\_\_\_\_ Cubans with all the power, while the majority was extremely poor.

### Fidel Castro

- Revolutionaries lead by a young \_\_\_\_\_ began to rise up against the government.
- Castro and his forces attempted to overthrow Batista's government \_\_\_\_\_
- During this time, they \_\_\_\_\_ to Batista's army and Fidel Castro was exiled to Mexico.

### The Cuban Revolution

- Castro soon organized a small group of 80 men and led a \_\_\_\_\_ campaign against Batista's army.
- In 1959, Castro and his men finally \_\_\_\_\_ of Havana (Cuba's capital).
- They set up a \_\_\_\_\_ and started reforming Cuba's government and court system.

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### Reforms

- Military personnel and government workers who were loyal to Batista were exiled, jailed, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Cuba's new government was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Castro immediately pushed through reforms such as public education, improved healthcare, rights for women, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Communism

- In 1960, Castro actively pursued Communist ideals and soon Cuba was officially declared a \_\_\_\_\_.
- All land, businesses, factories, etc., became \_\_\_\_\_.
- Citizens lost their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Only \_\_\_\_\_ outlets were allowed.

### Cold War

- During this time period, the US and Soviet Union were involved in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- By adopting Communism, Castro was aligning \_\_\_\_\_ and straining the relationship with the US.
- Cuba and the Soviet Union became \_\_\_\_\_ and traded weapons, food, and supplies.

### Breaking Ties

- It was the ultimate goal of Fidel \_\_\_\_\_ between Cuba and the United States.
- Americans who owned land and businesses in Cuba \_\_\_\_\_.
- Castro forced American civilians to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Castro's Promises

- Fidel Castro promised to:
  1. end \_\_\_\_\_ over Cuban businesses,
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ evenly to all Cubans,
  3. make every Cuban \_\_\_\_\_,
  4. and he wanted to give all Cubans \_\_\_\_\_ and higher life expectancy.

### Changes

- Castro's government \_\_\_\_\_ to Cuba's citizens by \_\_\_\_\_ eliminating freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, and press.

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### Impact on US

- After the revolution, relations between the American government and the Cuban government got \_\_\_\_\_.
- The United States did not like having a Communist country so close, especially one with such strong ties to the Soviet Union since they were \_\_\_\_\_.

### Cuban Missile Crisis

- In October of 1962, US planes spotted secret Soviet \_\_\_\_\_.
- President Kennedy announced to US citizens that the Soviets had placed long-range missiles in Cuba that could \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the US (and across the world) of a possible war.

### Resolution

- After many talks, President Kennedy agreed \_\_\_\_\_ and to remove US missiles from Turkey.
- In return, Khrushchev agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ from Cuba.
- This was an \_\_\_\_\_ (height of the Cold War) that could have led to World War III.

### Embargo

- Due to the harsh events, the United States placed an \_\_\_\_\_ from Cuba in 1962.
- Cuba's sugar cane crop could \_\_\_\_\_ in the US, which hurt Cuba's economy.
- As a result of the embargo, poor harvests, and bad government planning, Cuba's economy has \_\_\_\_\_.

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- After a decline in health, Fidel Castro \_\_\_\_\_ on February 19, 2008.
- His brother, \_\_\_\_\_, is now the Cuban dictator.
- Fidel Castro passed away in \_\_\_\_\_.

### US Relations

- In the past few years, US public opinion has changed to moving \_\_\_\_\_ with Cuba in hopes of helping the country recover economically.
- In 2009, the US government began to relax some \_\_\_\_\_ to the island.
- The US restored \_\_\_\_\_ with Cuba in 2014.
- Embassies that had been closed since 1961 \_\_\_\_\_ in both countries in 2015.
- In 2016, Barack Obama became the first U.S. President to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The two governments agreed to allow \_\_\_\_\_ between Cuba and the United States.
- The United States' relationship with Cuba is \_\_\_\_\_.