

Questions to Answer for Cuban Reading

1. What is the Cold War? Why did the Cold War spread to Latin America?
2. What were the causes of the Cuban Revolution?
3. What were the reasons that Fidel Castro and his brother, Raul were arrested and then exiled in 1953?
4. How were the revolutionaries, led by Castro and Guevara, able to overthrow the Batista government?
5. Was it clear that Castro was a communist in the early years of the new government? Give evidence that would support his communist leanings and evidence that supports he was more of a nationalist? Why did the US decide that he was a communist?

6. What were the specific actions taken by Castro that led to the US embargo? What were the effects of the embargo? Be sure and discuss how the embargo affected the Cuba-USSR relationship.

7. What were the two events from 1961 through 1962 that showed worsening relations between Cuba and the U.S. Briefly describe events.

8. Cuba's dependency on sugar had always kept Cuba under the thumb of the U.S but when Castro and Guevara tried to industrialize why do you think they organized the 10 million ton sugar harvest? Who worked on the achievement of this mammoth goal?

9. Describe the positive and negative outcomes of the Cuban Revolution as presented on pages 272-273.

10. By the end of the 1960's what did people think of the Cuban Revolution?

