HOTA II

Fidel Castro Summative **Presentation**

* You may work independently or with one other person
* PowerPoint or Prezi Slideshow
* Present one (1) topic below
* Paper 2 rubric
* Presentations begin on Monday January 20th

**Topic 1: Castro Rise To Power**

1. Explain the term Single Party Ruler
2. Explain the term Single Party State
3. How did Castro’s experience at the University of Havana influence him?
4. What was Castro’s ideology of how to take control of Cuba?
5. What were his criticisms of Batista and the Cuban government?
6. How was he able to defeat Batista with limited resources?
7. Explain the events of Cuban Revolution and how Castro over threw Batista.
8. Was militant action necessary to take over Batista? Why or why not?
9. Analyze Castro’s quote “History will absolve me”. What was he implying? Impact? Today Perspective? Has history absolved Castro?
10. Compare Castro’s rise to power to either Stalin or Hitler. How similar and different?

**Topic 2: Castro Political Policies**

1. Explain the term Single Party Ruler

1. Explain the term Single Party State
2. What challenges did Castro face once he had achieved power in 1959?
3. What methods did Castro use to consolidate his position (1959-62)?
4. Describe the political ideology of Castro.
5. What methods did Castro use to solidify the single party state until 2006?
6. What were his policies? What were the successes and failures?
7. Why is Castro both revered and loathed?
8. Compare Castro’s political policy to either Stalin or Hitler. How similar and different?
9. To what extent have the political policies of Cuba changed since 2009?

**Topic 3: Castro Economic Policies**

1. Explain the term Single Party Ruler

2. Explain the term Single Party State

3. What economic challenges faced Castro in 1959?  
4. What were the main aims of his economic policy? Describe his economic ideology.  
5. What were the economic reforms and how did they change Cuba?  
6. What was the impact of his economic reforms? What were the successes and failures?  
7. What key debates and perspectives are associated with Castro's economic reforms?

8. How did the world view Castro’s economic policy?

9. Compare Castro’s economic policy to either Stalin or Hitler. How similar and different?

10. To what extent have the economic policies of Cuba changed since 2009?

**Topic 4: Castro Social Policies**

1. Explain the term Single Party Ruler
2. Explain the term Single Party State
3. Explain Castro’s social ideology as the leader of Cuba?
4. What were the aims of Castro’s social policies?
5. How were his policies different than Batista’s?
6. What specific programs did Castro develop that supported his ideology?
7. Examine the success and failures of his programs. Who were the winners and losers of his policies?
8. How did other nations view Castro’s social policies?
9. Compare Castro’s social policy to either Stalin or Hitler. How similar and different?
10. To what extent have the social policies of Cuba changed since 2009?

**Topic 5: Castro Foreign Policy**

1. Explain the term Single Party Ruler
2. Explain the term Single Party State
3. Explain Castro’s foreign policy as the leader of Cuba?
4. How did the Cold War influence the relationship between US and Cuba?
5. Explain how events of the 1960’s changed the world.
6. Explain the relationship between the Soviet Union and Cuba. How did they benefit and hurt each other?
7. How was Cuba viewed by African and Latin American nations?
8. Examine the successes and failures of Castro’s foreign policy?
9. Compare Castro’s foreign policy to either Stalin or Hitler. How similar and different?
10. To what extent have the foreign policies of Cuba changed since 2009?