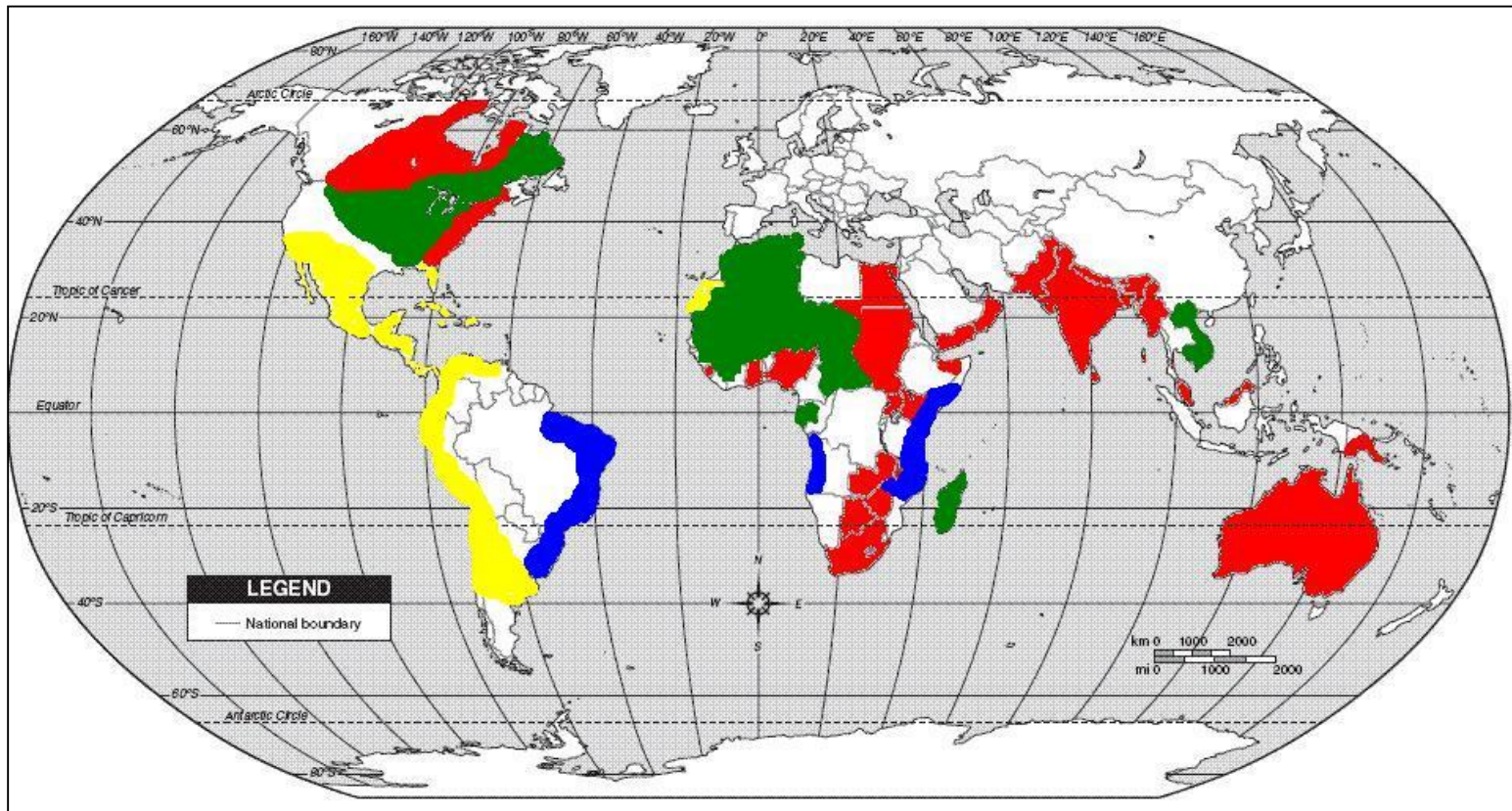


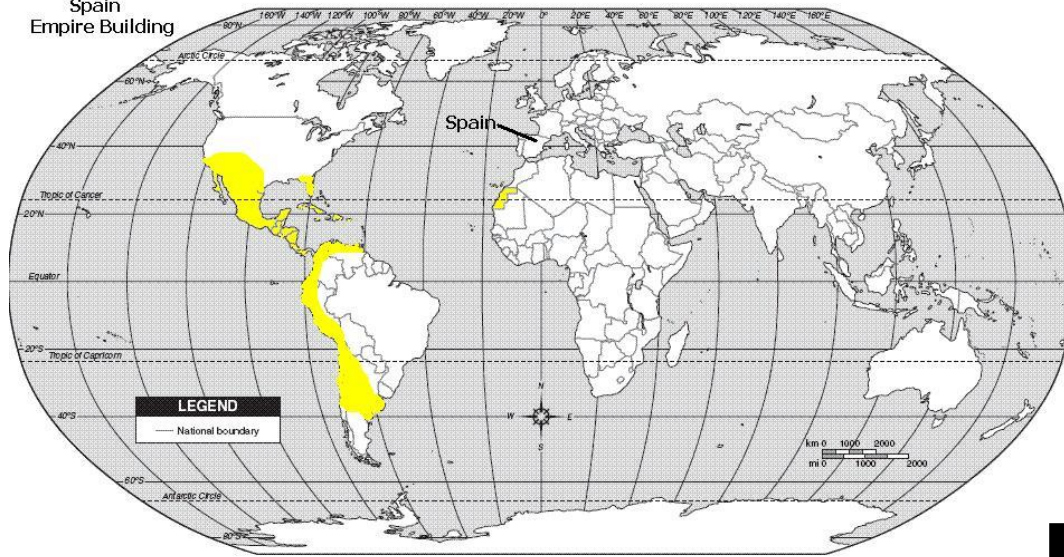
**Essential Question:  
How did the Cuban  
Revolution impact  
Cuba?**

**Standard:  
SS6H3a. Explain the  
impact of the Cuban  
Revolution.**

**By the 15<sup>th</sup> century,  
European exploration and  
colonization was underway.**

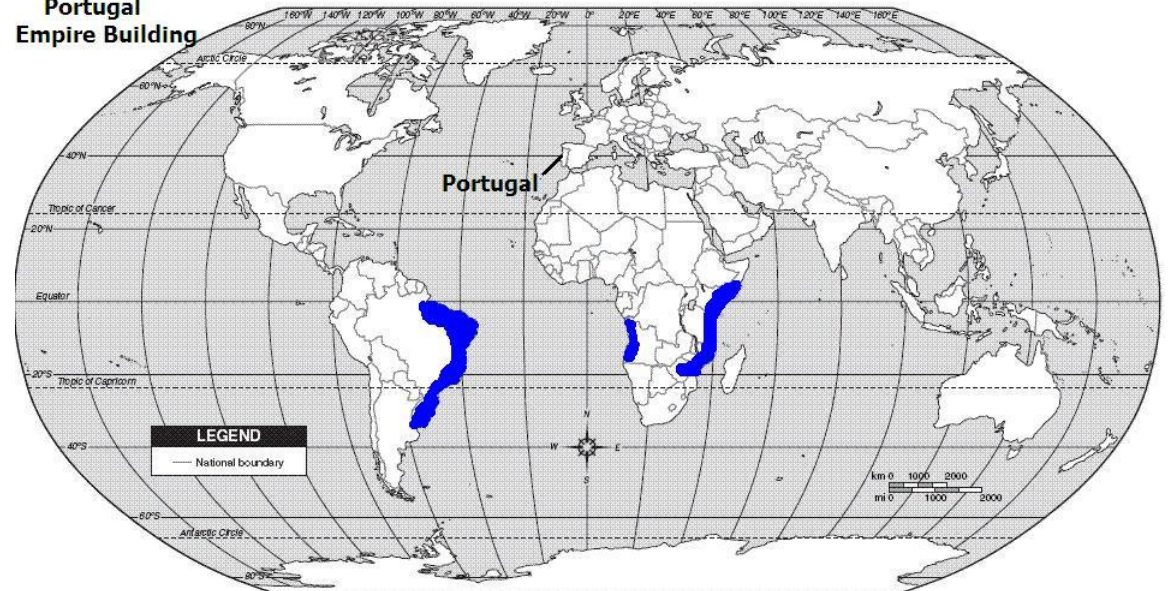


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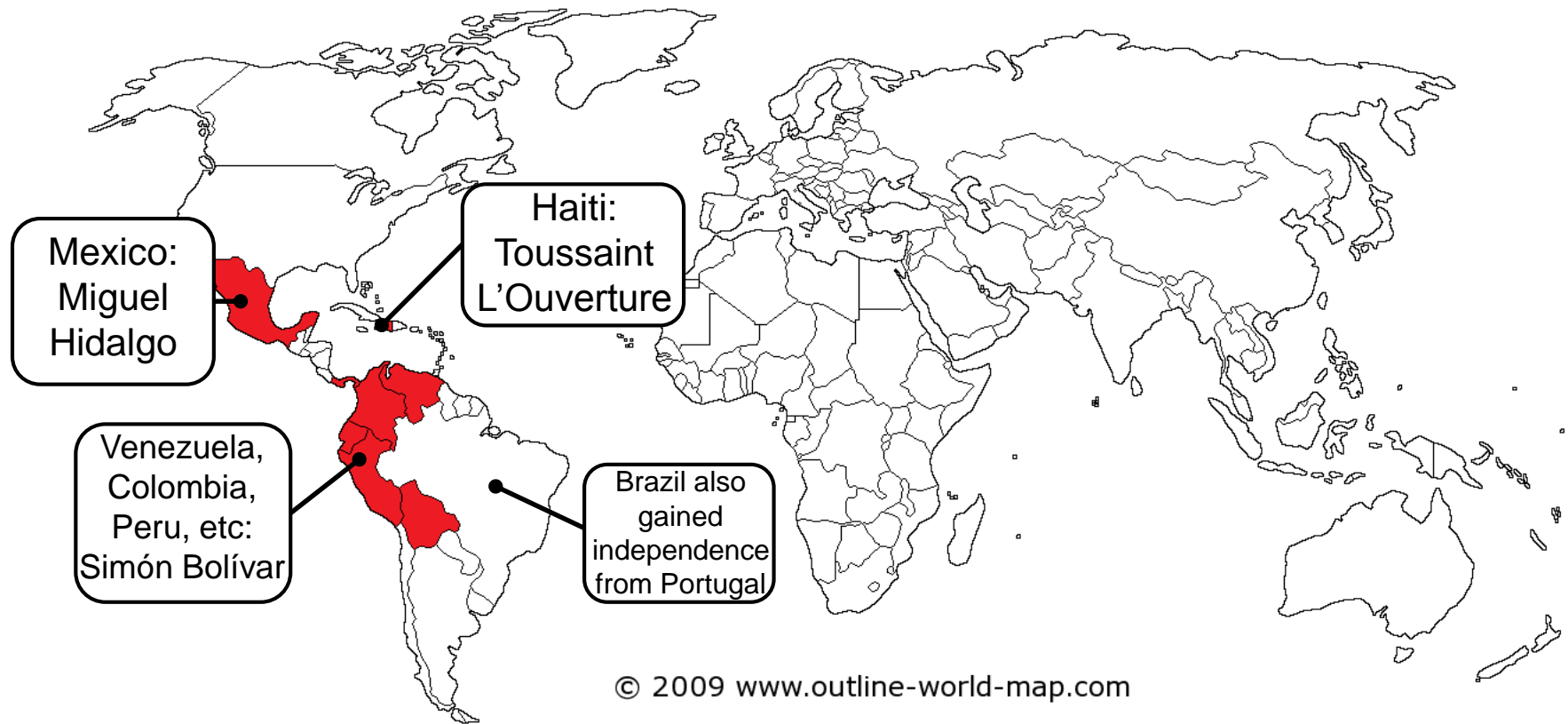


# Spain and Portugal set up empires in Latin America.

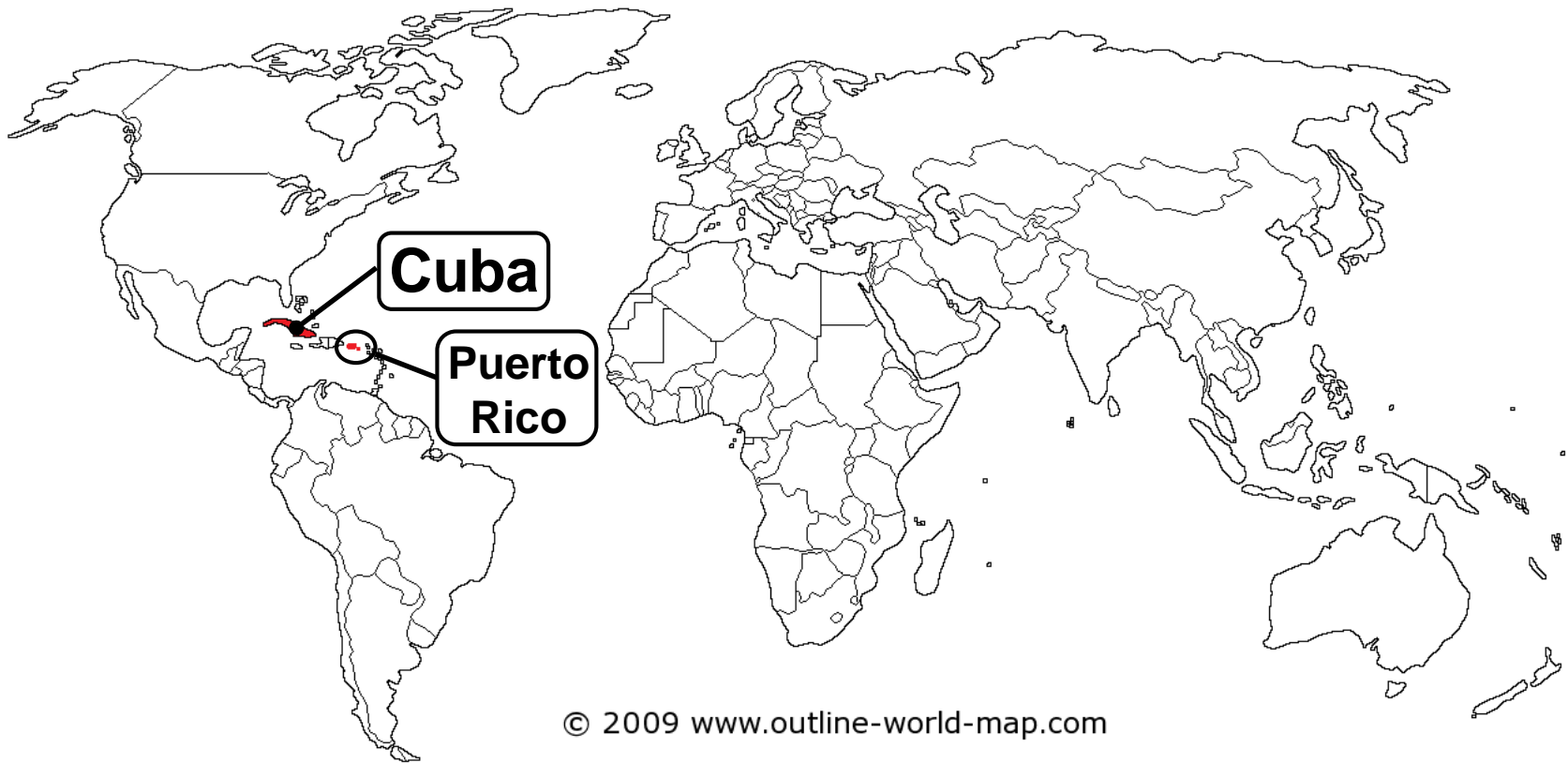
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# By the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, most Latin American countries had achieved independence from Spain and Portugal.

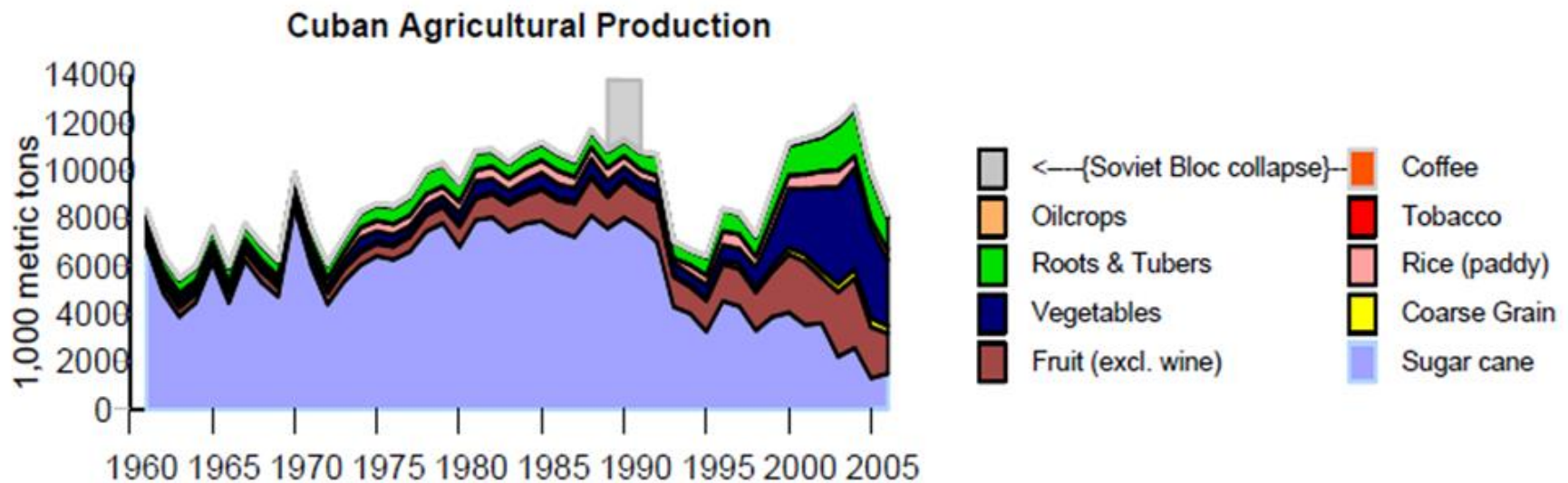


**By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were only two Spanish colonies left in the Americas.**



# What can you remember about Cuba's natural resources?

Cuba has rich soil which is good for growing sugarcane, coffee beans, tobacco, and other crops.



Sugar is Cuba's most important product.

**At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the U.S. declared war on Spain to help the people gain freedom from Spanish rule and to protect sugarcane plantations owned by American businesses.**





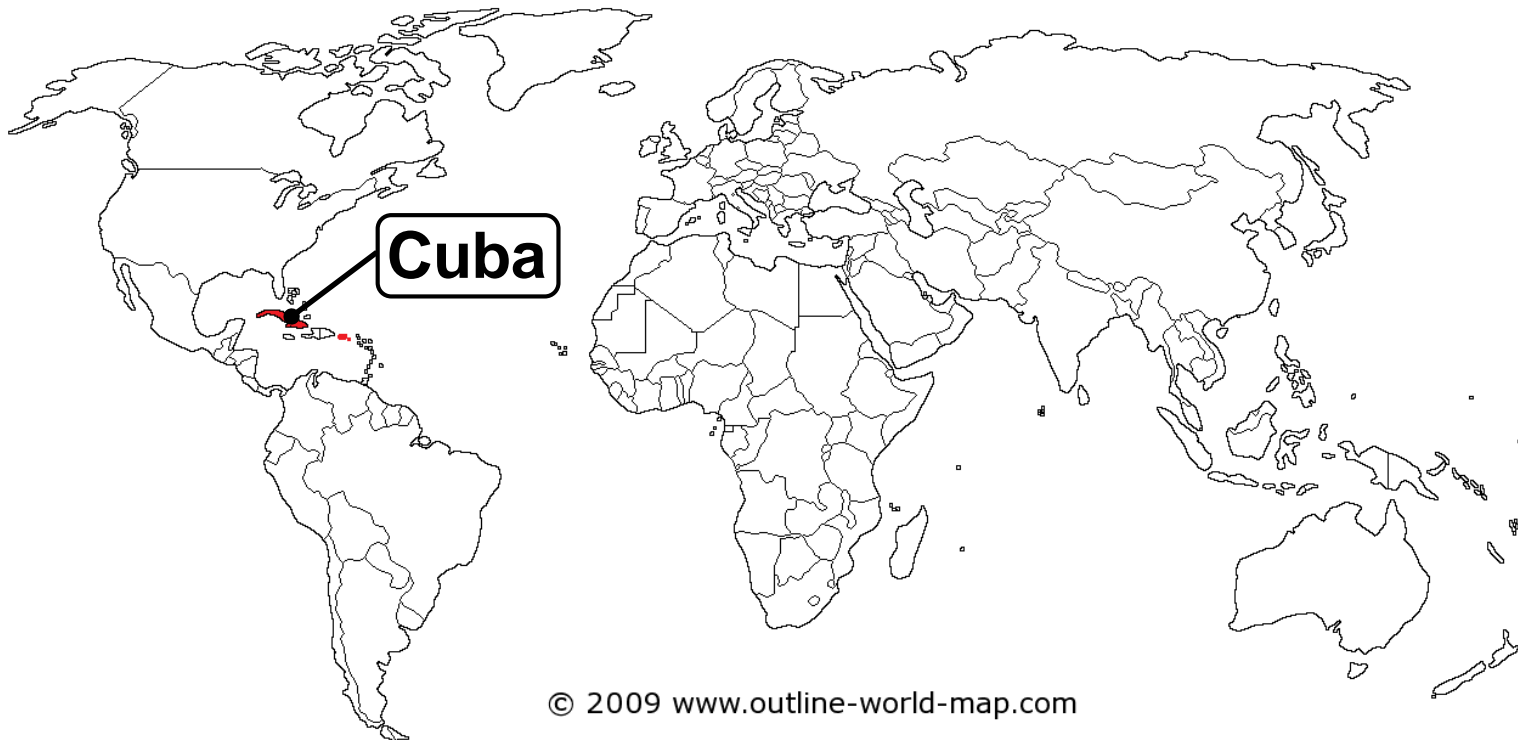
# The U.S. won the war, and Spain gave up Cuba and Puerto Rico.



**Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory. Cuba became independent, but stayed under U.S. control for many years.**



**For the next 50 years, Cuba had many leaders (some elected, some dictators). The country was very wealthy, but most of the people were extremely poor.**



# **What's a dictator?**

**A ruler with total power over a country, typically one who has obtained power by force**

**With a partner, summarize the important events before the Cuban Revolution on your graphic organizer.**

## **Cuban Revolution**

**Summary of Important Events before the Cuban Revolution:**

**Summary of the Causes of the Cuban Revolution:**

### **Impact of the Cuban Revolution:**

**Impact on Cuba's  
Government**

**Impact on Cuba's  
Economy**

**Impact on Cuba's  
Citizens**

**Impact on U.S. and  
Cuban Relations**

**Why do  
revolutions  
occur?**

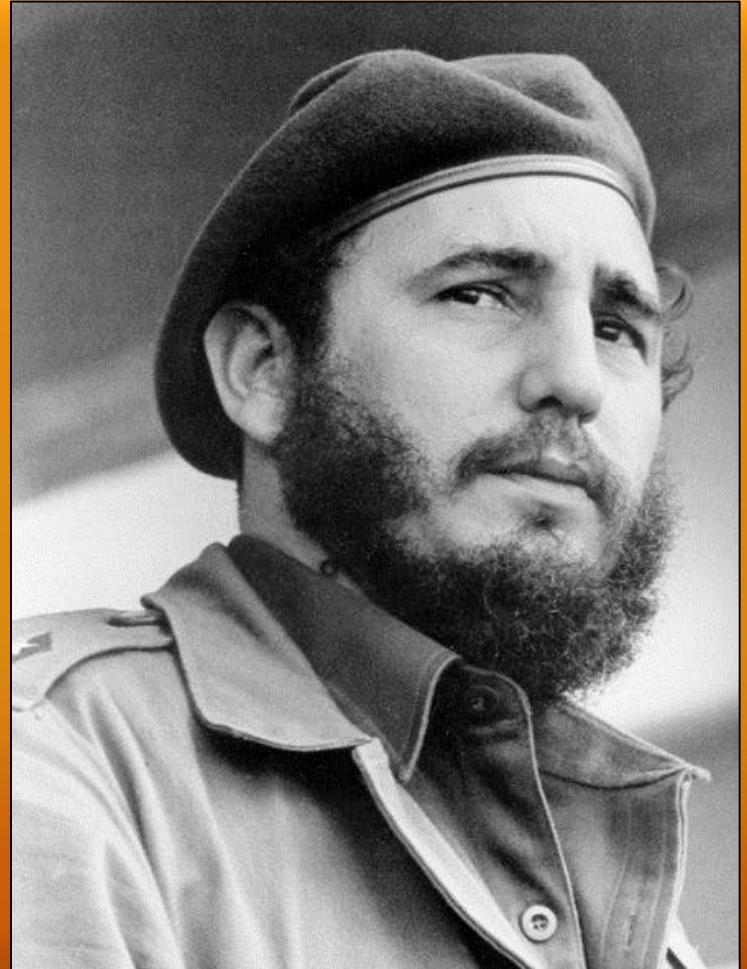
**Which group was exploited  
(taken advantage of) in Cuba?**

**The poor were taken advantage  
of in Cuba and were angry with  
their government.**

# Fidel

# Castro

Just like in other  
Latin American  
countries, a  
leader emerged  
to take up the  
cause...





**In the late 1950s, Fidel Castro led an army of rebels and defeated the corrupt government (a dictator named Batista).**

**This is known as the Cuban Revolution.**

**Fidel Castro immediately  
set up a communist  
government.**

**What is communism?**

**Communism is a political and economic system in which the major productive resources in a society are owned by the public or the state, and wealth is divided among citizens equally or according to individual need.**

**Where does communism  
fall on the economic  
continuum?**

**Toward Command  
Economy**

**How is power distributed  
in communism?**

**Unitary**

# Impact on Cuba's Government

- **In reality, Cuba just went from one dictator to another**
- **Castro set up a communist government like its ally (supporter), the Soviet Union, and controlled all aspects of the government**

**How do you think  
Cuba's economy was  
affected by the Cuban  
Revolution?**

# **Impact on Cuba's Economy**

- **Castro set up a communist government which controlled all parts of the economy**
- **He took over farms and businesses, even those owned by the U.S.**



# **Impact on Cuba's Economy**

- **The Soviet Union was a key ally and trading partner, but when they broke apart, Cuba's economy suffered and still struggles today**
- **Food shortages occur from time to time**

**How do you think  
Cuba's citizens were  
affected by the Cuban  
Revolution?**

# **Impact on Cuba's Citizens**

- **Many poor people supported Castro's policies because he improved their healthcare and education**
- **Successful Cubans such as business owners, teachers, doctors, and others did not like their property being taken.**

# **Impact on Cuba's Citizens**

- **Due to Castro's communist policies, many successful Cubans left (many went to Florida)**
- **People who opposed Castro were killed or put in prison**
- **He controlled everything on the radio, TV, and newspapers.**

**How do you think the  
Cuban Revolution  
affected Cuba's  
relationship with  
the U.S.?**

# Impact on U.S. and Cuban Relations

- **Castro came to power during the Cold War and sided with the Soviet Union causing hostilities**
- **Castro took over American businesses without giving compensation (costs) to owners**
- **The U.S. imposed an embargo on exports except for food and medicine to Cuba in 1960 and cut off all ties with Cuba in 1961**

**In 2008, Raúl Castro, Fidel Castro's brother, replaced Fidel when he became too ill to lead the country.**

**Cuba's government structure remains the same, but Raúl has opened the economy in some ways.**

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