Social Studies

Brunswick School Department Grade 6 Cuba

Essential Understandings	 A nation's political decisions affect its people.
Essential Questions	 What problems did communism bring to Cuba? How has the relationship between Castro's Cuba and the United States evolved? How did the collapse of the Soviet Union affect Cuba's economy? Why do Cubans desire to leave their homeland?
Essential Knowledge	 Aspects of the Cuban Missile Crisis and how the U.S. was involved included: The Soviets placed the missiles in Cuba. The U.S. felt threatened and prepared for war. The U.S. and Soviets reached an agreement that the missiles would be removed and the U.S. would never attack Cuba. The relationship between the Soviets and Cuba was strengthened. Castro was infuriated as he was left out of the final agreement and negotiations. Aspects of the Bay of Pigs and how the U.S. was involved included: The CIA trained rebel groups with the intention of overthrowing Castro. Kennedy gave the order to attack as long as no U.S. soldiers were involved. The mission was a failure as the rebel group was destroyed by Castro. Relations were soured between Cuba and the U.S. Fidel Castro rose to power and has been able to maintain it for over forty years. Life for Cubans is dependent upon socioeconomic status. Communism is an economic system in which the government owns all large businesses and much of the country's land. Many Cubans leave their homeland in search of a better life.
Vocabulary	 <u>People</u>: Fidel Castro, Nikita Khrushev, Fulgencia Batista, JFK <u>Places</u>: Cuba, Miami, Havana, Bay of Pigs, Soviet Union <u>Terms</u>: dictator, communist, communism, exile, illiterate
Essential Skills	 Create a timeline of Fidel Castro's life. Explain the Cuban Missile Crisis. Explain the Bay of Pigs. Explain why Cubans have chosen to migrate.

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	Social Studies Civics and Government D. International Relations
	2. Assess the ways in which the United States government
Related	has attempted to resolve an international.
Maine Learning	Explain the reasons for alliances with some nations
Results	against others.
	Geography
	B. Human Interaction With Environments
	2. Explain patterns of migration throughout the world.
	Read Prentice Hall World Explorer, Chapter 5, Section 1.
Sample	 Participate in "A Man and His Government" activity.
Lessons	 Participate in "Close But No Cigars" activity.
And	 Complete Main Events Lesson: "The Cuban Missile Crisis and the
Activities	Bay of Pigs."
Sample	
Classroom	 Complete Prentice Hall World Explorer, Chapter 5 unit test.
Assessment	Complete section quiz.
Methods	
	Publications:
Sample	 Prentice Hall World Explorer, Chapter 5
Resources	 Videos:
	○ Fidel Castro (A&E)
	 <u>20th Century</u> with Mike Wallace: Conflict in Cuba Bay of
	Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis
Technology	http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum
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