

UBA4: Cuba; the "Evolution of the Revolution"

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

1. *Current events affect the world's poverty and wealth.*

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. *What are the current events that affect global wealth and/or poverty?*
2. *How are these events affecting the world's economy?*



This is the flag of the most populous communist nation in the world that also happens to have more people than any other nation in the world. In fact, one in every five people of the world are residents of this nation. Do you know what nation this is? You should know what country this is because of completing Unit A's assignments!

If you have completed the first three assignments in this unit you should have learned a very important concept. **Communism promises "_____ " but not necessarily "_____ " and "_____ "**. The following three words, **FREEDOM, CHOICE and SECURITY**, placed in their proper order in the blanks in the previous sentence will make that sentence not simply a true statement, but in my humble and usually correct opinion, a very profound statement!

Now that you have successfully place the three words in their correct order, as they relate to communism, can you do the same thing for capitalism? You should be able to! We live under capitalism here in America. Much of the world does also. In case you need some help. please go to the following web site..... [Economic Dictionary](#). Read the definition of capitalism and communism that you can find there. Now, use the same three words, **FREEDOM, CHOICE and SECURITY** to complete the following sentence: **Capitalism promises "_____ " but not necessarily "_____ " and "_____ "**.

In 1959 Cuba changed to communism after a civil war. The communist leader that overthrew the existing government was named Fidel Castro. He is still in power forty years later! The longest continually ruling leader in the world today!! You are to read a "National Geographic" article. You can go to the actual magazine (*where you can look at all the pretty pictures*) OR you can **go to the full text on-line version provided in the link below**. The article is entitled, *Cuba, Evolution of the Revolution*, and it is found in the June, 1994 edition of "National Geographic". Even though 1994 is eleven years ago, you need to keep in mind that Cuba has been communist since 1959 and has as its head of state a man that has ruled there for 45 years! Most of you will choose to go this National Geographic web site.



National Geographic

This article talks about how Cuba is changing from a hard-core communist nation to a capitalist nation with more freedoms. The thorough and careful reading of this article is essential for your success on this assignment. Please read the entire article

Here are the TWO web sites to use for the successful completion of this assignment:



Economic Dictionary.



National Geographic

Here are the specific instructions for composing and submitting this assignment:

1. Please read the three questions carefully so as to more effectively research the web sites listed above.
2. Keep your internet browser open to this page in the course.
3. Open up a new Word document and type your name, Unit and Assignment number and your Global Perspectives online student number in the upper **left** hand corner of your Word document using a separate line for one. Please use **Times New Roman** or **Arial** font and size number **12/12**

EXAMPLE:

Stephen Wingett **or** Stephen Wingett
 UAA1 **or** UAA1
 CHS **or** CHS-1

4. Copy and paste the assignment questions below into a Word document. Make sure to copy **only** the assignment questions. Questions 1 and 2 have blanks for you to fill in with the correct words. After you have copied and pasted the assignment questions to your Word document, you can replace the blanks that are in the first two questions with one of these words; **FREEDOM, CHOICE, or SECURITY**. Please make sure to **bold** and color the words **red** that you type in to replace the blanks
5. Save the Word document on your hard drive **AND** a removable disk for back up purposes.
6. Send your completed assignment, which you have now "saved", as an attachment with the assignment name (**UBA4**) and your Global Perspectives online student number (**ex. CHS - 1**) typed into the subject line.

Here is your essay assignment: UBA4: Cuba; the "Evolution of the Revolution"

Question #1: Complete the following sentence by filling in the blanks.

COMMUNISM PROMISES " _____ " BUT NOT NECESSARILY " _____ "
AND " _____ " .

Question #2: Complete the following sentence by filling in the blanks.

CAPITALISM PROMISES " _____ " BUT NOT NECESSARILY " _____ "
AND " _____ " .

Question #3: Please read the entire National Geographic article about Cuba. Compose a list of at least ten ways that Cuba is changing. Indicate which one of these ten changes is the most important to you personally by highlighting it in **red**. Make sure that the one you choose as the most important is the last one on the list and compose a short paragraph explaining why you chose that change as the most important one.