



MAKING INFERENCES

READ BETWEEN THE LINES

Writers don't always tell readers things directly. Sometimes, you have to use clues in the text, along with your own background knowledge, to infer the

big ideas. Use the questions below to make some inferences from this issue's World Studies article about Cuba (pp. 12-15).

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the letter of the phrase that best completes the sentences below. In the space provided, record some textual clues from the article or personal knowledge that helped you make the inference. You may revisit the article.

1. On p. 13, the article describes a museum in Havana, Cuba: "It houses bloodied uniforms, machine guns, and black-and-white photos that tell the story of Fidel Castro's rise to power." You can infer from this that the museum ____.

- (A) has been closed since Raúl Castro came to power
- (B) operates against the wishes of the Cuban government
- (C) was meant to glorify Castro's revolution in Cuba
- (D) was sponsored in part by the U.S. government

Clues: _____

2. On p. 13, the author writes that in 1962: "the Soviets had begun to install missiles in Cuba—90 miles from Florida. This triggered the Cuban Missile Crisis." You can infer that Americans ____.

- (A) correctly suspected that the missiles belonged to the U.S.
- (B) had no missiles of their own
- (C) were angry that the Soviets would attack Cuba
- (D) were concerned that Soviets might attack the U.S. from Cuba

Clues: _____

3. On p. 14, the article says: "Castro created a one-party socialist state and banned ownership of private property. The regime proved no less repressive than Batista's." You can infer that *regime* means ____.

- (A) civil liberties
- (B) a country that encourages immigration
- (C) a form of government or hold on power
- (D) a protest against military rule

Clues: _____

4. On p. 15, the article describes some reforms that Cuba has launched, and quotes a Cuba expert as saying: "The Cuban government has postponed a social revolution." You can infer from this section of the article that he thinks ____.

- (A) additional reforms would be dangerous for Cuba
- (B) the Cuban government needs to enact tighter controls
- (C) the governmental reforms have been completely ineffective
- (D) a surge in social unrest in Cuba is probably inevitable

Clues: _____