Emergence of Castro

Directions – Use your powerpoint on Fidel Castro and your smarts to answer the following questions:

1.) Why would Fidel Castro harbor resentment towards the United States?

2.) What importance did this resentment have for Castro's rise to power?

3.) Specifically, what occurred that led to Castro seeking alternative means of obtaining power rather than through elections?

4.) Compare/contrast the Moncada attack and its aftermath to events in Hitler's rise to power.

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5.) Why was Castro released and what future implications did this have on Cuba?

6.) How did Castro gain support while in the Sierra Maestra Mountains?

7.) Compare/contrast how Castro consolidated power to Stalin.

8.) Read the last two slides in the first powerpoint on Castro. Batista killed political opponents without giving them a trial, which Castro compares to Hiroshima/Nagasaki. Castro claims that these former Batista officials are murderers and should be given the same treatment. Castro wonders why the U.S. would support these actions under Batista, but then turn against him. In your opinion, do you think he has a point? Explain.