

# The History of Cuba in 50 Events

## Pre-Columbian Era

1. **10,000 BC:** The first inhabitants of Cuba arrive from the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico.
2. **5000 BC:** The Ciboney people, a hunter-gatherer society, settle in Cuba.
3. **2500 BC:** The Taíno people, an agricultural society, arrive in Cuba from the Orinoco River delta in South America.
4. **1000 AD:** The Taíno people build a complex society with a hierarchical social structure and a sophisticated system of agriculture.
5. **1492:** Christopher Columbus arrives in Cuba, claiming the island for Spain.

## Colonial Era

6. **1511:** Diego Velázquez de Cuéllar founds the first permanent Spanish settlement in Cuba, Baracoa.
7. **1515:** Havana is founded.
8. **1607:** The first African slaves are brought to Cuba.
9. **1762:** The British capture Havana during the Seven Years' War.
10. **1763:** The British return Havana to Spain in exchange for Florida.

## Independence Era

11. **1823:** The United States proclaims the Monroe Doctrine, which warns European powers not to interfere in the Americas.
12. **1850:** The Ostend Manifesto, a secret document written by American diplomats, proposes that the United States should purchase Cuba from Spain.
13. **1868:** The Ten Years' War, Cuba's first war for independence, begins.
14. **1878:** The Ten Years' War ends with the Treaty of Zanjón, which grants Cuba limited autonomy from Spain.
15. **1895:** The Cuban Revolutionary War, Cuba's second war for independence, begins.

### **American Intervention**

16. **1898:** The United States declares war on Spain after the sinking of the USS Maine in Havana harbor.
17. **1898:** The United States defeats Spain and occupies Cuba.
18. **1902:** Cuba becomes an independent republic, but the United States retains control over the island's foreign policy and military affairs.
19. **1903:** The United States leases Guantanamo Bay from Cuba for use as a naval base.
20. **1933:** Fulgencio Batista seizes power in a military coup.

### **Castro Era**

21. **1953:** Fidel Castro leads an unsuccessful attack on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba.

22. **1956:** Castro returns to Cuba and launches a guerrilla campaign against Batista's government.
23. **1959:** Castro's forces overthrow Batista and take control of Cuba.
24. **1961:** The United States imposes an embargo on Cuba.
25. **1962:** The Cuban Missile Crisis brings the world to the brink of nuclear war.

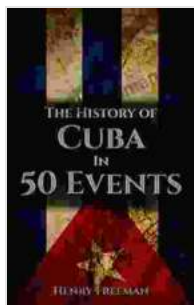
### **Post-Castro Era**

26. **1976:** Cuba adopts a new constitution that establishes a socialist state.
27. **1989:** The collapse of the Soviet Union leads to a severe economic crisis in Cuba.
28. **1991:** Cuba legalizes the use of the US dollar.
29. **2006:** Raúl Castro succeeds Fidel Castro as president of Cuba.
30. **2015:** The United States and Cuba begin to normalize relations.

### **Contemporary Era**

31. **2016:** Fidel Castro dies at the age of 90.
32. **2018:** Miguel Díaz-Canel is elected president of Cuba.
33. **2020:** The COVID-19 pandemic hits Cuba hard, leading to a severe economic crisis.
34. **2021:** Cuba begins to reopen to tourism after the COVID-19 pandemic.
35. **2022:** Cuba celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution.

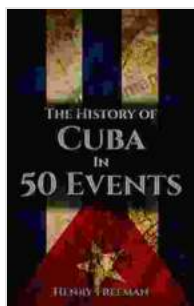
Cuba has a rich and complex history that has been shaped by a wide array of events, from its indigenous roots to its colonial past and its eventual independence. Today, Cuba is a socialist state that is facing a number of challenges, including the continued US embargo and the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Cuba remains a vibrant and resilient country with a rich culture and a proud history.



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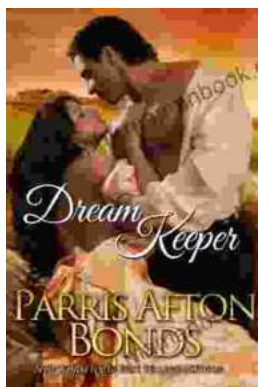
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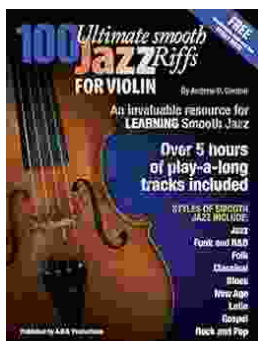
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