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Letter to Khrushchev

Imagine you're Fidel Castro after the Bay of Pigs invasion. After the U.S.-backed invasion of your nation, you are fully aware that the situation in Cuba is tense with such a powerful northern neighbor. One of your advisers suggests you appeal to the Soviet Union for help. Write a letter to Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet premier. In your letter, describe the recent events of the Bay of Pigs, including your attitude toward the United States and that country's role in the attack. Then, propose a potential relationship between your nation and the Soviet Union. Support your argument for a relationship between Cuba and the Soviet Union with specific reasoning. Consider: Why do you believe the Soviet Union should help Cuba? Why would helping Cuba help the Soviet Union? How could the Soviets best help your small island?

1. To write this letter, first plan your response using a SOAPSTone worksheet. Remember—you are expressing the views of Fidel Castro, and your letter should be written in the first person. Fill out the rest of the planning worksheet accordingly.
2. After planning, write your letter. Use your SOAPSTone planning to guide your writing. To ensure your success on this activity, compare your work to the scoring rubric to check that you have met all the criteria for success.

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