

Ten things you did not know about Fidel Castro

1. Born in 1927 although officially registered as 1926.
2. Father Angel fought with the Spanish army against Cuban Nationalists.
3. Fidel and Angel both had first marriages that ended and then long-term relationship producing many children.
4. Fidel's mother Lina was 28 years younger than Angel.
5. His childhood heroes included: Alexander the Great, Hannibal, and Napoleon.
6. His mother Lina had strong beliefs associated with Afro-Cuban mysticism.
7. Fidel is obsessed by the number 26 and associates it with luck and his success.
8. As a teenager he wrote to U.S. President Roosevelt requesting he send him \$10.
9. He had a life-long love/hate relationship with his father Angel.
10. He cites his Jesuit education and Catholic upbringing as the source of his resilience and determination to succeed in liberating Cuba from U.S.-backed dictatorship.