



Guatemala (11.9.3)

Background:

American Cold War foreign policy was guided by the Truman Doctrine and containment, efforts to keep the communists from spreading to new countries especially those in the western hemisphere was a high priority. The fall of China in 1949 to communist forces and the Korean War heightened those concerns by many Americans that communism was rapidly moving closer.

Prompt:

How and why did the United States fight the Cold War in Guatemala?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Be certain to cite at least five pieces of evidence from the documents and additional research US presence in Central and South America during the Cold War, paying special attention to Operation PBSUCCESS.
- Explain how the evidence in these documents and your research led you to this conclusion.