



Soldiers in the Philippines (11.4.2)

Background:

After the end of the Spanish-American War Spain ceded a number of its territories to the United States, one of which was the Philippine islands. Many in the Philippines believed that they were had won and were going to get their independence. However upon learning that the United States was simply taking possession of the Philippines from Spain Filipino rebels continued the fight.

Prompt:

Why do you think some American soldiers treated Philippine insurgents with brutality?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least four pieces of evidence and background reading.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.