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3rd World Countries Caught in the Cold War

**Guatemala:**

PowerPoint Questions:

1. Where is Guatemala located?
2. Why did the US get involved in Guatemala?
3. What are other reasons some suspect truly explain why the US got involved?
4. How does the US’ involvement connect to the Cold War?

Primary Source Questions:

“President Arbenz’s Resignation Speech”

1. What does Arbenz say the US is doing in Guatemala?
2. How does he characterize the US?

“The Company Now and Then”

1. Who is the person that created this source? Why is his perspective important?
2. How does he feel about the CIA mission to overthrow Arbenz?
3. What does he say is the real reason for the mission?
4. How does the US look to the rest of the world in this “democratic” mission? Do you think our intentions were pure or to help our own interests?

**Congo:**

Powerpoint Questions:

1. Where is Congo (Zaire) located?
2. What country controlled Congo as a colony for many years?
3. Explain how the US came to be involved in the Congo.
4. How did the US change politics in Congo?
5. How does this connect to the ideals of the Cold War?

Picture Analysis:

1. Look at the pictures. Write a description for each. Explain what emotions are present in each. What truth does it convey about the area at the time?

“Lumumba Letter to Wife”

1. What does Lumumba say he wanted for Congo’s independence?
2. What does he accuse the UN of?
3. What does he hope for in the future?
4. Do you think the US did the right thing or was only looking out for it’s own interests? Explain.

**Indonesia:**

Powerpoint Questions:

1. Where is Indonesia located?
2. What political groups were competing in Indonesia?
3. What happened when Suharto took over?
4. Why did the US do nothing?

Picture Analysis:

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“NPR Article”

1. How did survivors of the purge describe it?
2. How does this massacre connect to the Cold War?
3. Is this event being investigated today? Why or Why not?
4. Do you think democratic nations should have intervened? Why or why not?

**Nicaragua:**

Powerpoint questions:

1. Where is Nicaragua located?
2. Who were the 2 opposing leaders?
3. How did the US get involved? What happened due to this?
4. How does this connect to Cold War ideals?

“Support for the Contras” Ronald Reagan

1. What does President Reagan say about the Sandinistas?
2. Why does he feel that we should provide more aid?

“Informational Paragraph”

1. How did Reagan secretly fund and help rebel groups against the Sandinistas without Congress approval?
2. Do you think the US should have gotten involved? Why or Why not?