

**APUSH
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Please prepare a paper of 5 - 8 pages answering the following question. The inclusion of a concise thesis statement, organization, clarity and completeness will be considered in grading the content of your paper. One point out of one hundred will be deducted for every structural error committed. Content will also be graded on a one hundred point scale. The two grades will be averaged to determine the final grade for your paper. Double-spaced typing is required. Use no larger than twelve-point font style. Late papers will not be accepted.

The United Fruit Company and the Origins of the 1954 CIA Intervention in Guatemala: Diverging Views?

The two major studies of the CIA intervention in Guatemala in 1954 differ markedly in their tone, style, focus and narrative technique. At the same time, there are also differences in the evidential basis and the analytical substance of these two works. After briefly characterizing the book you read, formulate a thesis-driven essay answering the following question:

1. What do you think was the primary motive for U.S. intervention in Guatemala in 1954?

As part of your essay, be sure to address the following questions:

- A. In explaining the origins of the U.S. intervention, what importance do the authors attribute to the role of the United Fruit Company? What evidence do the authors use to address this question and what arguments do they advance?
- B. State your own conclusions as to the importance of the United Fruit Company/US imperialism and/or the Cold War in paving the way for U.S. intervention in Guatemala.
- C. Finally, discuss the historical legacy of the U.S. intervention in Guatemala.

Sources:

Stephen Schlesinger and Stephen Kinzer, Bitter Fruit (Garden City, N.J. : Anchor/Doubleday, 1983).

Richard Immerman, The CIA in Guatemala. The Foreign Policy of Intervention (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1982).

Use short quotes and paraphrases to prove your argument. Do not use any other sources and do not include large block quotes from the authors being examined. There is no need for footnotes or bibliography. Page numbers should be cited. This can be done in parenthesis in the text, e.g. (Immerman, p. 22); (Schlesinger and Kinzer, p. 76). Please also provide a cover page including title, course, instructor name, your name and date.