Motorcycle Diaries (2004): Spanish 11

**Pre-viewing research assignment**

# **Everyone read these:**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/10/che-guevara-171008111523876.html>

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/10/-motorcycle-diaries-shows-che-guevara-at-crossroads/>

**Topics**

Create a one-page (one side) Word document that addresses the main questions of your topic. Include pictures and maps if necessary. Try to use some Spanish in your written answers. You might have to collaborate with other groups for your topic to make complete sense. Work together!

On the second page of your word document, please include three to five sources that you used for this research. Wikipedia can count as ONE of those sources.

# Global context: Cold War

What was the Cold War? Was it really a war? Why was it a worldwide conflict? Find three Latin American countries that were caught up in the Cold War, and give brief details of what happened.

# Mining in Chile

In the film, Che visits the Chuquicamata mine in Chile. What were the conditions there for miners in the 1950s?

What are some criticisms of Canadian mining companies in Latin America in current times?

Read this page:

<http://dplf.org/en/news/press-release-report-impact-canadian-mining-latin-america-and-responsibility-canada>

# Guatemala: United Fruit Company

Who was the United Fruit Company? What were their policies and activities in Guatemala? How would seeing these have affected Ernesto Guevara in his youth?

<https://www.umbc.edu/che/tahlessons/pdf/historylabs/Guatemalan_Coup_student:RS01.pdf>

# Military coup in Guatemala

What happened in 1954 in Guatemala? Why? What is the connection between these events and broader world events (the Cold War)?

What are the general details of the civil war that began in the years following the coup?

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/21/world/americas/an-apology-for-a-guatemalan-coup-57-years-later.html>

# Cuban revolution

When did the Cuban Revolution take place? What were its objectives, and did it achieve these objectives? What was Che’s role in the revolution?

# Che’s activities, 1965 – 1967

What did Che do after leaving Cuba? How does this fit into the global context (Cold War)?

# His death, 1967

Who is responsible for Che’s death in 1967? What controversy surrounds his death? Who would have wanted him dead, and why? Did his ideas die with him?