

Social Studies, Grade 6

Unit V: Lesson B2

Debate: **Who's in Charge Anyway?**



Begin to prepare for a debate on this issue: Should the United States become involved in the internal affairs of Central American countries? The debate will take place at the end of this unit. Investigate the involvement of the United States in the history of Central America by collecting news articles on current events involving the relationship between the United States and Central America. Encourage other classmates to contribute articles.

Arrange the articles on a bulletin board, assuming responsibility for maintenance as you and your classmates collect more articles. Analyze and judge the involvement of the United States in Central America. Maintain a notebook recording facts, judgments, and support of current events. Hypothesize the results in all nations discontinuing involvement, as well as the results of increased support from other world powers. Outline positions for both sides of the issue.

Recruit other students for a debate. The rest of the class can be set up as judges.