RS#12 Assessment Option 2

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How Would the Soviets Have Portrayed the American Intervention in Guatemala?

Directions: Create a three-paragraph news briefing concerning the U.S. government’s involvement in the Guatemalan coup, from the perspective of the Soviet Union. The news briefing will be read over the radio to the citizens of the Soviet Union during July of 1954.

What to consider when writing:
- How would the Soviet Union portray the involvement of the United States in the Guatemalan coup to its citizens?
- What propaganda techniques were employed in speeches and newspapers during the Cold War? (rhetorical devices, language, etc.)
- How would the actions taken by the United States in Guatemala impact U.S.-Soviet relations?

What to include in your briefing:
- Causes of the coup – paragraph 1
- Role of the United States in coup/Description of the coup – paragraph 1
- Impacts of the coup on the country of Guatemala and the Guatemalan people – paragraph 2
- Impact the coup will have on U.S.-Soviet relations – paragraph 3

Remember:
- Historical Perspective
- PROOFREAD and Revise!
- Creativity

News Briefing:

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