

NOTES REGARDING A BRIEF HISTORY OF NICARAGUA

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Two Important Themes

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| 1. | Time | Acceptance | and | Resistance |
| | 1500s | Chief Nicarao | | Chief Diriangen |
| | 1930s | US occupation | | Augusto Sandino |
| | 1930s-70s | Somozas | | Carlos Fonseca/FSLN |
| | 1990s-2000s | Chamorro, Aleman, Bolaños | | Ortega |
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| 2. | U.S. Interest & Intervention | | | |
| | 1800s | William Walker - political | | |
| | 1850s | Cornelius Vanderbilt - economic | | |
| | 1909-1933 | Occupation by US Marines - military | | |
| | 1930s-70s | Political support | | |
| | Ongoing... | Extractive industries e.g. fruit, cotton, coffee, gold | | |

Five Circular Causes of Poverty

- 1. Economic Exploitation - internal and external**
 - colonization by Spain
 - disadvantageous trade agreements
 - concentration of wealth
 - emigration

- 2. Corruption**
 - bribery, fraud
 - of democratic political process

- 3. Natural Disaster**
 - earthquakes, hurricanes, eruptions, flooding

- 4. Culture Tendencies**
 - short-term thinking
 - messianic saviour thinking

- 5. Other**
 - literacy/education
 - population growth
 - religious interference