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Framing Question:

- What differentiates Guatemala from the rest of Central America in the context of shared history and genocide?

Teaching Takeaways:

- Genocide is a short- and long-term process.
- Internal national conflicts are used to hide genocide and mass atrocities.
- Mass atrocities occurred in the countries of Central America.
- Guatemala experienced genocide and is actively working towards reconciliation/healing.

Additional Resources:

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