

The Good Neighbor Policy

During the 1930s the United States adopted the Good Neighbor Policy in an effort to promote cooperative, friendly relations with Latin America. Nevertheless, the United States continued to exert a controlling influence over the

region. The map below shows key developments in U.S. relations with Central America and the Caribbean during the 1930s. Examine the map, and answer the questions that follow.



1. List the Central American and Caribbean countries shown on the map.

2. What gestures did the United States make toward Cuba and Panama during this period? How were those actions similar?

3. What key event took place in Mexico in 1938? How did the United States respond?

4. When did U.S. forces reoccupy Nicaragua? What happened as a result?

5. Which countries were ruled by dictators during this period?

6. **Critical Thinking: Places and Regions** In your opinion, why was the United States interested in supplying military equipment and training to Latin American armies? Would you have supported such a policy as president?
