Latin America History  
Summer Reading Guide  
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Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of Pillage of A Continent

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Directions: You are to read the Introduction and Part I of Galeano’s Open Veins and answer the following questions. Your answers MUST be typed. This will be due the first full day of class in September. LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Introduction:**

*Why is Latin America the region of Open Veins?*

**Chapter 1:**

*What was the myth of “El Dorado”?*

*What does the phrase “They [Spanish] crave gold like hungry swine” mean? Give two examples of this.*

*Explain how Spain owned the cow, but others drank the milk in regards to precious metals.*

*How did a lack of having beasts of burden effect the Native population?*

*Define: Encomienda*

*How did Europeans use Christianity to defend their treatment of the Natives?*

*What is the legacy of Potosi?*

**Chapter 2:**

*What effect did sugar have on Latin American soil, land, population?*

*What effect did sugar have on Europe?*

*What was the relationship with the USA and Cuba pre-Castro?*

*Why was the slave trade between West Africa and Latin America important to Europeans?*

*Just to develop a list… What were all the natural resources that were exported from Latin America to Europe?*
**Final Questions:**

Do you agree with Galeano’s thesis stating that Latin America was the region of “Open Veins”? Why or why not? Answer in a paragraph.

What, if any, bias is in this book? Answer in a paragraph.