

# Village Raid

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# Project



[Guatemalan Genocide](#)

# Author's Note

The Guatemalan Genocide was a genocide that ended up in with a death count of 200,000 civilians, most of which were indigenous Mayans. It took place between 1960 to 1996 during a civil war, where many of the Mayan villages targeted by the Guatemalan army were suspected of training and equipping guerilla resistance fighters. While many foriegn nations didn't have much of an impact, the United States had supplied and trained Guatemalan soldiers to carry out the genocide. The United States later apologized for supporting the Guatemalan government in the genocide. In addition, many of the perpetrators of the genocide were also brought to justice and convicted in their nation's own court, which is rare in history.

My piece features several pieces of information regarding the genocide, and takes place in the eyes of a teenager that witnesses the atrocities but survives. The story utilizes several traditional Mayan names and revolves around the story of a hunter that survives due to not being in the village at the time. The story also includes many symbols, such as wind and dawn in order to represent the emotional turmoil that Aapo is forced to face throughout the story.

This story commemorates and remembers the victims of the genocide, and sends the message that such genocides should never happen again. Throughout my research, I also learned about the devastating effects of indifference, and how it only enables the perpetrators to further carry out the genocide.

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