

Annotated Bibliography: Websites on Guatemala

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Fundacion Rigoberta Menchu Tum

<http://www.frmt.org/en/> 1992.

Description: This website is the location of the official foundation for Rigoberta Menchu Tum, it was founded in 1992 to coincide with her winning of the Nobel Peace Prize. The foundation dedicates itself to creating sustainable peace, equal justice for all especially for indigenous Guatemalans, and a solid democratic government. The foundation also provides for education, human right, and development programs that are located in Guatemala, Spain, France, Mexico, and the United States.

Additional information: As I was reading over her website, I could help but notice her code of ethics for peace. It is as simple as it is complex especially for a nation whose record for peace is anything but consistent. The code is as follows: "There is no peace without justice, There is no justice without equality, There is no equality without development, There is no development without democracy, There is no democracy without respect for the identity and dignity of all cultures and people."

Biography of Rigoberta Menchu Tum

Frängsmyr, Tore, *The Nobel Prizes 1992*, Stockholm,

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1992/tum-bio.html (1993)

Description: This is the official website for the Nobel Prize, in it is the biography of all winners for various prizes and specifically for Rigoberta Menchu Tum, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. The site goes over her early childhood as she grew up in the Quiche branch of the Mayan culture, as well as her tumultuous years where her father and brother were tortured and murdered. Tum was very active in political networks through the Catholic Church that she attended as well as her father's unions. In 1981 she participated in a demonstration for better farmer rights in down town Guatemala City, however soon after the demonstrations she fled to Mexico to start The United Representation of the Guatemalan Opposition (RUOG). In 1983 Tum wrote her autobiography "I, Rigoberta Menchu" to the acclaim of international audiences. Tum has continued to fight for indigenous rights in Guatemala regardless to the ever-increasing death threats.

The Problem of Racism on the Threshold of the 21st Century

<http://gos.sbc.edu/m/lascasianas.html> (1992)

Description: This was a speech the Rigoberta Menchu Tum gave at the Sixth Lascasianas Symposium in Mexico City. During the speech, Tum spoke of how racism has destroyed all that is good, by advancing an ideology of hatred, greed, assumed superiority. Tum stated, "It has not been stated often enough that racism has historically been a banner to justify the enterprises of expansion, conquest, colonization and domination and has walked hand in hand with intolerance, injustice and violence." Tum believes that there is still hope for those who wish to work for justice. Tum calls for a greater acceptance of cultural diversity as a foundation for liberty, democracy, and social justice.

CUISINE

Guatemala Declares Calamity as Food Crisis Grows

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/americas/09/09/guatemala.calamity/index.html>

This site highlights the crisis of malnutrition in Guatemala by recapping an appeal made by Alvaro Colom, the president of Guatemala. Gives a wonderful overview, and focuses specifically on the plight of the indigenous people.

Food in Every Country, Guatemala

<http://www.foodbycountry.com/Germany-to-Japan/Guatemala.html>

This site is an informative overview of the food of many cultures. It was very easy to navigate, gave good background information, and was very helpful.

Maangchi Blog: Guatemalan Food

<http://www.maangchi.com/blog/guatemalan-food>

Although this site was not a traditional academic site, it was extremely helpful by providing a first person view of Guatemalan food. She gave a great, non biased over view of the food complete with beautiful pictures and descriptions. I appreciated the fact that she tried many of the local foods instead of simply sticking to the tourist areas.

Hubbard, Kristin. "Guatemala Food and Drink". [Central America Travel](http://www.centralamerica.about.com). About.com.

http://gocentralamerica.about.com/od/guatemalaguide/p/Guatemala_Food.htm

Guatemala. Food In Everyday Country.

<http://www.foodbycountry.com/Germany-to-Japan/Guatemala.html>

Guatemala: Food. Aventouras.

<http://www.aventouras.com/guatemala/guatemala-food.php>

HISTORY

"Guatemala." *GlobalSecurity.org - Reliable Security Information*

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/war/guatemala.htm>

This website gave me a basic overview of the history of Guatemala pertaining to the civil war. It gave me many specific dates of the events, and numbers of civilian deaths. It was overall a good timeline to go by.

"Guatemala: History, Geography, Government, and Culture." *Infoplease*

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107596.html?pageno=3>

This website had more information pertaining to the human rights abuses and the US involvement in these. It discussed briefly the School of the Americas and it's training of the coup members prior to 1954.

"Guatemalan Civil War History: A Look at the County's 36-Year Armed Conflict."

http://latin-american-war-revolution.suite101.com/article.cfm/history_of_the_guatemalan_war

This website focused more on the implications of the different leaders in place during the years of unrest. Discussing the tension between working class, military and big land owners, and the US interest in this tension. It talked more about the United Fruit Company as well.

TOPOGRAPHY

La Casa de Jade Jewelry Store

<http://www.aroundantigua.com/stores/casadeljade.htm>

This website was found through a search engine looking for popular jade sites in Guatemala. The website is all about one popular, well known jade store right in Antigua. It provides many, elegant pictures along with museum information and available tours. This site told me about the history jade has with the mayas.

Volcanoes

<http://www.enjoyguatemala.com/volcanoes.htm>

This website gave me factual information about the many volcanoes in Guatemala. It gave me specific names and information about the three volcanoes looking over Antigua, as well as the story about Pacaya erupting years ago.

In Guatemala, a mother lode of Jade

<http://www.gsafweb.org/TrusteeNews/inguatemalaamoth.html>

This site provided me with information about where all of the jade comes from. Guatemala is known to be rich in jade and I learned through this site that jade was found after an hurricane split some mountain regions and the jade was exposed.

HEALTH CARE

World Endeavors

<http://www.worldendeavors.com/>

In English. This site has a concise but vivid description of health care in Guatemala. A few links exist to other parts of the website for information on other countries or missionary opportunities.

Countries and Their Cultures

<http://www.everyculture.com/>

This site is in English and had an incredibly large number of countries and cultures to look at. Very informative. No links besides those for the different pages of the countries. Probably only relevant through 2000 because the site's bibliography mostly only had references from 1995-2000.

Indigenous People's Issues Today

<http://indigenoussuestoday.blogspot.com>

In English. This site included a great number of articles from magazines or newspapers about these issues, one of which was about health care in Guatemala. It is updated quite regularly; the article I found was from January 24, 2008. May be slightly biased because they only want to present the problematic issues not the advances happening in indigenous people's rights.

Guatemala Health

<http://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/Americas/Guatemala-HEALTH.html>

Guatemala – World Health Organization

<http://www.paho.org/english/sha/prflgut.htm>

Guatemala: Country Profile

<http://www.who.int/countries/gtm/en/>

EDUCATION

Guatemala – Education

http://www.esperanza.de/eng/bildung_e.htm

Guatemala Education

<http://www.internationaleducationmedia.com/guatemala/index.htm>

This site is in English. I found it very useful because I learned a lot about how the education system works in Guatemala. The site also gives a lot of information about Guatemala like the population, culture, land, plants and animals, religion, economy, and much more. There are other links on the site if you want more information.

Education System of Guatemala

http://www.esperanza.de/eng/bildung_e.htm

This site is in English. It was helpful. It talked about how Guatemala's school system, and how they are in need of money and teachers. While on the site you can learn other things about Guatemala not just about the schools.

Education in Guatemala

<http://www.avivara.org/aboutguatemala/educationinguatemala.html>

This site was very helpful. It talked about how the schools in Guatemala and how they have gotten better over the years. But it also talks about how the schools need more funding, how they need better teachers, and how they need to improve the school buildings. This site has other links you can go to and it has been updated in 2010. This site is though a non profit charity.