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## **Dictatorship and Transition in the Southern Cone**

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The purpose of this unit is to educate students about the social, political, and historical aspects of the major dictatorships in the recent past of the Southern Cone. Specifically, this unit focuses in depth on Argentina and Chile. In this unit, students examine the major human rights violations that occurred in the twentieth century in two neighboring countries to the south. They also consider and evaluate the idea of retrospective justice, and how it was served (or was not served) after these dictatorships. Finally, students will reflect on the idea of international responsibility, and the idea of *unofficial* history.

(Recommended for Spanish and History, grades 9-12)

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