

Unit 3 The Repressed and the Repressors

II A Visit with the OAS

- How can we use databases to access information?
- What is the role of human rights organizations?
- How do human rights organizations engender change?

In September of 1979, the Organization of American States conducted its first on-site visit to Argentina. It was the 11th such visit to Latin America since the initial investigation of the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic in 1961.

In this activity, you will learn about the OAS by conducting research and role-playing an *in loco* investigation of claims against the government. This activity can be fictionalized or maintain the integrity of the actual documents.

A. Begin by learning about the Organization of American States and human rights organizations. Then, research information for your assigned role and collaborate with classmates.

Question/Response	List of Sources
1. What is the Organization of American States? Who are the members?	http://www.oas.org/en/
2. List some of the accomplishments of the OAS over time.	
3. What is the IACHR? (CIDH in Spanish). List accomplishments.	http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/mandate/what.asp
4. List other human rights organizations.	(links)
B. With your group, examine the OAS web links for information about the 1979 country visit to Argentina. Note your observations below.	
Organization of American States	http://www.oas.org/en/
1. IACHR Country Visit September, 1979	http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/activities/countries.asp#arg1979

<p>2. Activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Chapter II</p>	<p>http://www.cidh.oas.org/annualrep/79.80eng/chap.2.htm</p>
<p>3. CIDH_Status of Human Rights Defense Agencies, Chapter XI</p>	<p>http://www.cidh.org/countryrep/Argentina80eng/chap.11.htm</p>
<p>4. CIDH Conclusions and Recommendations</p>	<p>http://www.cidh.org/countryrep/Argentina80eng/conclusions.htm#B.%20%20%20%20%20%20%20Recommendations</p>
<p>5. The Inter American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)</p>	<p>http://www.cidh.org/countryrep/Argentina80eng/toc.htm</p>
<p>6. Other useful OAS information</p>	<p>links</p>

Note sources and important notes for your role in the Visit with the OAS

References and important links/pg. numbers	Notes