

Critiques of Liberation Theology Name:
Bring completed HAP to class on Friday, November 1.

Historical Analysis

1. Compare and contrast the depiction of faith as a revolutionary force in three primary sources. How do they talk about faith as a motivating principle, tensions between church and state, or tensions within the church itself? How are the positions espoused reflections of the authors' point of view?

Source 1: FSLN Communiqué Regarding Religion (1981)

Source 2: Pope John Paul II "Principles of Unity"

Source 3: "Bishops of Nicaragua Call to Dialogue April 1984"

(Continues on reverse)

2. How does Michael Novak describe Latin American Catholicism? What evidence does he present?

3. How does Novak describe Liberation Theology and its practitioners, and what does he see as its dangers?

4. How do you think Novak's arguments reflect his lived experiences and the time and place when he was writing?