

**Imagine you are a teenager living in the Dominican Republic under Trujillo's rule...Write a diary entry about the day you finally understand the impact of his government. Think about...What were the country's feelings toward Trujillo? - Minerva's reaction to learning about "Trujillo's secret."**

Dear Diary,

I'm sitting down on my bed listening to music when my mom suddenly bursts into the room and says, "Trujillo has killed your father. My heart stops. I jump up from the bed and start panicking. I didn't know how to feel or what to think. However, through all of this emotion a question lingers in the back of my head. Who is Trujillo?"

A couple of weeks ago, I remember seeing on the news that he was our new president. But I didn't know anything about him... I soon snap back into reality. My dad is dead. He's gone. I plop on the bed, thinking to myself, "Trujillo is gonna pay."

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