**Latin America Atlas Data Analysis**

**Directions:** Using your atlas and following the steps, answer the questions. Then, complete the summary in sentences.

**Step 1: Read pages 28-29 Don’t forget to check out the images, captions, and the timeline.**

1. North America is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ largest continent. How many people live here?
2. Central America is part of a larger region of North America called Middle America… what makes up Middle America?
3. What is a struggle the people throughout the region of Central America and some Caribbean nations face?
4. What crop was first cultivated in Middle America?
5. When did Mexico become independent?
6. By what percentage did the population jump from 1950-2000 in Mexico’s urban areas?
7. What are some problems facing Mexico in relation to urbanization?

**Step 2: Now, read the captions and check out the maps on page 66-67.**

1. Looking at the “population” map, how many people per square mile are found in Havana in comparison to Santa Domingo?
2. Compare the urban versus rural population between Guatemala and Haiti.
3. Mexico City is home to nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world’s population.
4. How does Puerto Rico’ s annual per capital income compare to Jamaica?

**Step 3: Now, read the captions, check out the maps, and read the passages and timelines on pages 68 and 69.**

1. How far do the Andes Mountains stretch from north to south?
2. Where and when was the longest dry spell ever recorded?
3. How many people live in South America?
4. When did Portugal first establish plantations in Brazil?
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an important industry in the Andes and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a growing industry.
6. Why is deforestation happening? How much of the rainforest has been lost to deforestation?
7. Where do most people in South America live?

**Step 4: Now, read the captions and check out the maps on page 72-73.**

1. According to the “natural hazards” map, what are three major natural hazards found in along the east coast of Ecuador, Peru and Chile?
2. According to the “economic activities” map, what are the two major economic actives in South America?
3. List three countries where we see the smallest population density in Latin America?

**Step 5: Now, write a 5 sentence summary regarding the climate, environment, resources, and economic activities of Latin America.**

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