

Latin America Study Guide

Test Friday May 25th

Geography

What are the two regions of Latin America?

Middle Am + South Am

40% of South America is made up of the Amazon Basin, which is found in the country of Brazil.

What are the pampas? Where are they located?

grassy plains that stretch from Argentina into Uruguay
wheat farmers + cattle ranchers

Rainforest

Why is the rainforest being destroyed?

Deforestation farming + mining cattle raising
one of most productive farming regions in L.A

Why are the rainforests so important?

① oxygen, new medicines, cures for disease, food → fuel
② protection of wild life, global warming stabilizing
Climately

Early Civilizations for the following descriptions, use one of the early civilizations

Maya

Aztec

Incas

Aztec conquered by Cortez

Incas found in Peru

Maya first accurate 365 day calendar

Maya first Latin American civilization to use a written language

Incas conquered by Pizarro

Incas believed they were descendents of the "Sun God", their name translates to "children of the sun", leader Atahualpa

Maya 1st civilization in Latin America found in the Yucatan Peninsula

Aztec farmed on chinampas, or floating islands

Incas Used chasqui, or runners to send messages back and forth between their empire

Aztec first to educate boys and girls

Be able to explain the importance of each of the following terms....

Treaty of Tordesillas Treaty between Spain + Portugal
which drew a line of demarcation in the
new world

Line of Demarcation imaginary line that divided the new world.
it ran 1,100 miles from North to South. Spain

Claimed all non-Christian lands to the West, Portugal all non-Christian lands to the East.

Christopher Columbus Italian explorer who "founded" the New World
believed he had found a ^{very poorly} shortcut to the East - treat natives ~~not~~

Conquistadors - Spanish explorers like Pizarro + Cortez

Ferdinand and Isabella - King + Queen of Spain financed Columbus
(and many others) journey to find a shorter route to India

What is the Columbian Exchange? Describe the nations involved and what was "exchanged"?

exchange of goods, disease + animals between Old + new world
trade between Europe + Africa + the Americas

What is the encomienda system? What was the major outcome of this system? Who was seen as the "protector of the Indians?" → Bartolome de las Casas - Spanish priest
land was granted to a conquistador by the crown - they would exact
tribute in the form of gold or labor - they were to protect NA + educate them
^{decline in NA population - impact of African slaves}

Explain/Define mercantilism. in Christianity
economic system whose goal was to enrich the parent country
Colonies had 2 roles ① provide parent country w/ raw materials
② served as a market - they could not trade w/ others

Spain and Portugal colonized most of Latin America.
Based on our worksheet which nation colonized the following countries?

Who was the independence leader for each country?

Mexico: Spain

Bolivia: Spain

Brazil: Portugal

Haiti: France

Current Events/ Country Profiles

What are three major cities in Venezuela?

Caracas, Maracaibo, Valencia

What is the major economic export for Venezuela?

petroleum

How did Hugo Chavez come into power?

elected

Who is the current president? Why are so many people protesting against him?

Nicolas Maduro poor economy, not able to get

basic things they need

What are 3 problems with Venezuela's current economy?

inflation \uparrow 50%, staples like bread & toilet paper not easily
accessible, growing protests + violence

What is the capital of Ecuador?

Quito

What are the major economic exports for Ecuador?

Bananas, cacao + coffee (agriculture main, mineral resources)

Describe Latin American music and dance.

diverse - many cultural influences - samba, merengue
many types of music - are also specific dances

What is the importance of the Panama Canal?

When was it built?

began in 1800 w/ France, turned over to US in
completed in 1914

What types of problems developed during its construction?

Very expensive, many died from disease like
malaria + yellow fever

What does it link?

Atlantic + Pacific Oceans

Who "owns" the Panama Canal today?

Panama - turned back over from US in 1999

How many illegal immigrants are living in the US today?

11 million

Who was considered the father of the LA independence movement?

Simon Bolivar

In which country was the first and only successful slave revolt?

Haiti

From which social class were most of the revolutionaries from? Why did they rebel?

Creoles - frustrated with the system they did not have the power their parents did

List AND describe each of the 6 levels of Latin American social class structure.

Peninsulares - men born in Portugal or Spain

Creoles - Spanish born in LA colonies - had land but not much power
world go owners of plantations

Mestizos - mixed European + Indian ancestry → servants on

Mulattos - mixed European + African ancestry - plantations
workers /

Africans

servant

Native
} did most of the labor

Describe the Role of the Catholic Church in Latin America?

influenced every aspect of life in Latin America
owned all the land + wealth

What types of family was found in traditional Latin America?

patriarchal + extended

Because of the continuing problems between the United States and Cuba during the 60's, the United States placed an embargo on Cuba stopping all trade between the two countries.

What event(s) caused tension between the US and Cuba?

Bay of Pigs

Cuban missile crisis

How did the U.S's relationship with Cuba change in 2009? In 2014? 2016? 2017?

new president in Cuba Raul Castro, some restrictions lessened, embassies opened travel becomes easier, cruise ships

What are three recent reforms put in place by Castro? + Am. tourists welcome

- sell real estate

- own your own business

What is the current trend with illegal immigration? (as of 2014)

Slowing down

Why do most illegal immigrants come to the United States?

for a better life

What is the problem with Mexican Drug cartels?

What are some obstacles facing Mexican students who want to attend college?

Poor education system, lack of \$ or opportunities

What is DACA? Why has this been in the news recently? → also known as "Dreamers"

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - began about 5 years

executive order ~~from~~ from Pres Obama which gave legal protection for young children brought illegally to US by parents

Current Event Articles!!!!

Be able to place the following countries on a map Trump → wants to end program

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|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Argentina | Brazil | Costa Rica | El Salvador | Mexico | Suriname |
| Belize | Chile | Cuba | Guyana | Paraguay | Uruguay |
| Bolivia | Columbia | Ecuador | French Guiana | Peru | |