

EVERYONE Read Unit 3 in the textbook [pages 183-258]

Introduction [Everyone is responsible for answers to the following questions.]:

1. What makes Latin America a region? Where is it?
2. When did most of Latin American countries become independent? Who were the colonial powers they got their independence from?
3. What was the Monroe Doctrine? How has it influenced the United States' foreign policy in Latin America?
4. What is the Columbian Exchange? What was an unintended consequence of the Columbian Exchange? How did the Columbian Exchange impact the indigenous peoples of Latin America?
5. Why is regional cooperation important in Latin America?

EVERYONE is responsible for the vocabulary.

Make sure the vocabulary from your region is included on the poster

Groups:

Mexico

Central America and the Caribbean

South America

Suggestion:

*Divide up the work within your group
by sub-regions or by topic.*

Big Questions [Answer these questions **AS THEY APPLY TO YOUR REGION**.]:

1. Physical Geography

- a. What impact do landforms and climate have on the development of this Latin American region? Consider population distribution in your answer.
- b. How has tectonic activity impacted Latin America?
- c. What are some major effects of El Nino in this region?

2. Historical Geography

- a. How did colonization influence the history and culture of this region in Latin America?
- b. How did this region gain independence? What are some current challenges of the government(s) in this region?
- c. How have the traditions and beliefs of indigenous peoples and Africans influenced this region of Latin America?

3. Urban Geography

- a. Why are people moving from rural areas to cities in this region in large numbers? What are the pull factors? What are the pros and cons of living and working in the city?
- b. What effects does rapid population growth have on the cities? What is the social impact of rapid growth? What challenges have been created for the governments?

4. Economic Geography

- a. What are some of the causes for uneven economic development and standard of living between people and between countries in this region of Latin America?
- b. What are the implications of globalization (outsourcing, free trade zones, maquiladoras, NAFTA) on Latin America?
- c. Why do drug cartels have such a powerful influence in Latin America?



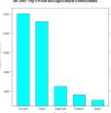







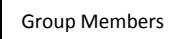
5. Environment Issues

- a. How do growing human needs influence resources and the environment in Latin America?
- b. Why is protection of the environment [biodiversity, farmland, reefs, forests, etc.] so important?

Support the information you find for your region with maps, graphs and tables of information.

Be Accurate-Factual-Neat-Colorful

(Remember others are relying on you!)

NAME OF REGION	
Include the question number and title for each.	
  	 
    	

*** Terms ** Additional Information**

HINTS:

Mexico

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South America