

Chapter 10 Assessment

VISUAL SUMMARY

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA

Subregions of Latin America

Mexico

- Native peoples and Spanish settlers have shaped the history and culture of Mexico.
- Economic expansion and an increasingly democratic government have developed together.

Central America and the Caribbean

- Native peoples, settlers from many European countries, and Africans have shaped Central America and the Caribbean.
- The economies of the region rely primarily on agriculture and tourism.

Spanish-Speaking South America

- The countries of South America are developing strategies to improve their economies.
- Among these strategies are wide-ranging trade agreements, including Mercosur.

Brazil

- Brazil is the giant of Latin America.
- Settled originally by the Portuguese, Brazil has welcomed immigrants from all over the world.
- Its economy is among the ten largest in the world.



Reviewing Places & Terms

A. Briefly explain the importance of each of the following.

1. Tenochtitlán
2. Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)
3. NAFTA
4. cultural hearth
5. United Provinces of Central America
6. Panama Canal
7. Inca
8. Mercosur
9. Treaty of Tordesillas
10. Carnival

B. Answer the questions about vocabulary in complete sentences.

11. What body of water surrounded Tenochtitlán?
12. Whose election signaled the end of one-party rule in Mexico?
13. Why is the Panama Canal important to world trade?
14. Which two European powers signed the Treaty of Tordesillas?
15. Which countries are associate members of Mercosur?
16. In what city of Brazil is Carnival celebrated in a particularly colorful way?
17. Which countries besides Mexico are members of NAFTA?
18. Why are Central America and the Andes Mountains around Cuzco cultural hearths?
19. Which countries made up the United Provinces of Central America?
20. What language did the Inca speak?

Main Ideas

Mexico (pp. 217–221)

1. What was the Spanish attitude toward Aztec culture?
2. What are the maquiladoras?

Central America and the Caribbean (pp. 222–229)

3. In terms of who settled there, how is the Caribbean different from Mexico and Central America?
4. Which two parts of the economy provide most of the income in Central America and the Caribbean?
5. What are some of the most important export crops in the region?

Spanish-Speaking South America (pp. 230–235)

6. Which countries are full members of Mercosur?
7. Which countries have literacy rates higher than 90 percent?
8. What happened to the Inca language after the Spanish conquest?

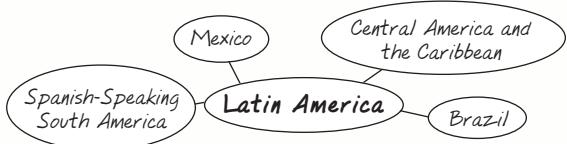
Brazil (pp. 236–241)

9. What is the ethnic makeup of Brazil?
10. What are some of the darker aspects of life in Brazil today?

Critical Thinking

1. Using Your Notes

Use your completed chart to answer these questions.



- Which two European countries colonized the most territory in Latin America?
- What are some of the ways in which Latin America is developing economically in recent years?

2. Geographic Themes

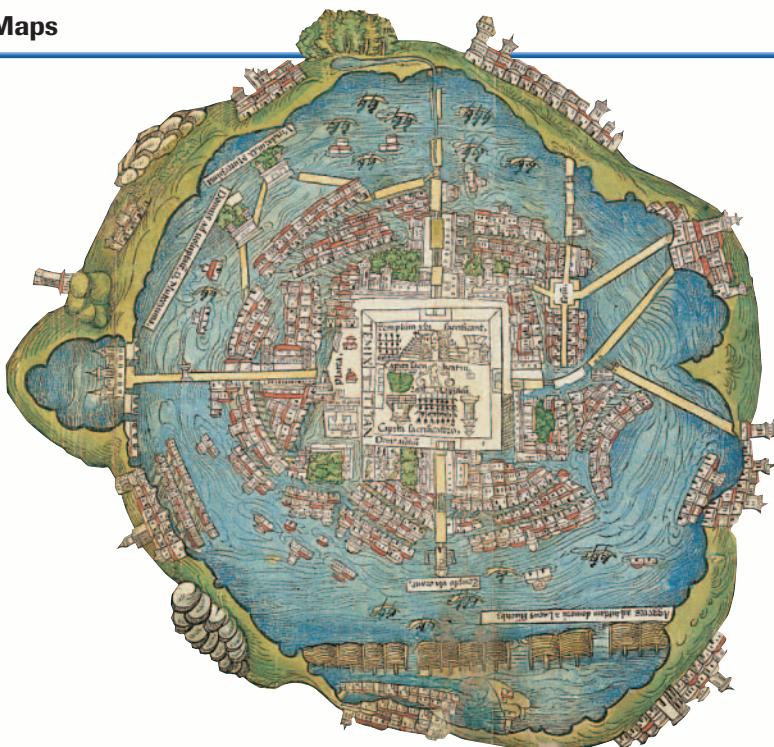
- HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION** How has the Amazon River been used and developed?
- MOVEMENT** What has restricted the movement of people from the coast of South America into the interior?

Geographic Skills: Interpreting Maps

City of Tenochtitlán

Use the map to answer the questions.

- PLACE** This is a Spanish map of the Aztec city of Tenochtitlán. Why did the city require roadway connections to the mainland?
- MOVEMENT** Why might this site have been a good location for a city?
- HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION** What purpose might the canals within the city have served?



GeoActivity

Create a map of a fortress city of your design. Your map should make use of the natural advantages afforded by the site you have chosen.

INTERNET ACTIVITY

Use the links at classzone.com to do research on economic growth in Latin America. Focus on the impact of free-market reforms on the income gap.

3. Identifying Themes

Interaction between European powers and native peoples occurred throughout the region. What are some of the consequences of this interaction? Which of the five themes are reflected in your answer?

4. Identifying and Solving Problems

What are some of the ways that individual citizens of Latin America are working to improve their economic situation?

5. Making Comparisons

How are Spanish-speaking and Portuguese-speaking South America alike and different?

Additional Test Practice,
pp. S1–S37

