

Maps and Mexico: Chapters 9 and 10

Directions: Read chapters 9 and 10 in your textbook and answer the following questions.

1. Define:
Conquistador-
Caudillo-
2. Looking at the physical map of Latin America, which physical feature dominates Mexico's landscape?
Hills Plains Lakes Mountains
3. How were the islands of the Bahamas, the Lesser Antilles and the Greater Antilles in the Caribbean formed?
4. In South America, there are hot and rainless areas within a few thousand feet of tropical wet climates. What physical feature makes this possible?
5. Using the climate and population density maps, where do most of Mexico's population live? Why?
6. Why do you think the islands of the Caribbean popular vacation spots?
7. What is the difference between a hurricane and a tropical storm?
8. Compare the landscape of Chile to that of Paraguay.
9. According to the map in Chapter 9, how many climate regions can be found in South America?
10. What climate region might you find in the eastern part of Argentina?
11. Traditionally, the economies of Latin America have been based on _____, _____, such as _____ and bananas.

12. What makes the central plateau such a dangerous place to live? Why do people choose to live there anyway?
13. What river forms more than half of the Mexican-US border?
14. Why are there no rivers on the Yucatan Peninsula?
15. What three cultures make up Mexico, as well as Latin America's population?
16. Describe the ancient city of Tenochtitlan.
17. How did the Aztec civilization each come to an end?
18. Name and describe the four classes created as the Spanish settled New Spain.
19. Who was in control under the *encomienda* system? What took place between the years 1910 and 1920 that brought change for the Mexican people?
20. Describe each of the following ways of life.
 - Urban-
 - Rural-
21. Even though many cities are polluted and overcrowded, why do many Mexicans move into urban areas?
22. How was NAFTA expected to help Mexico?
23. What are two of Mexico's most important industries?
24. Define maquiladoras.