

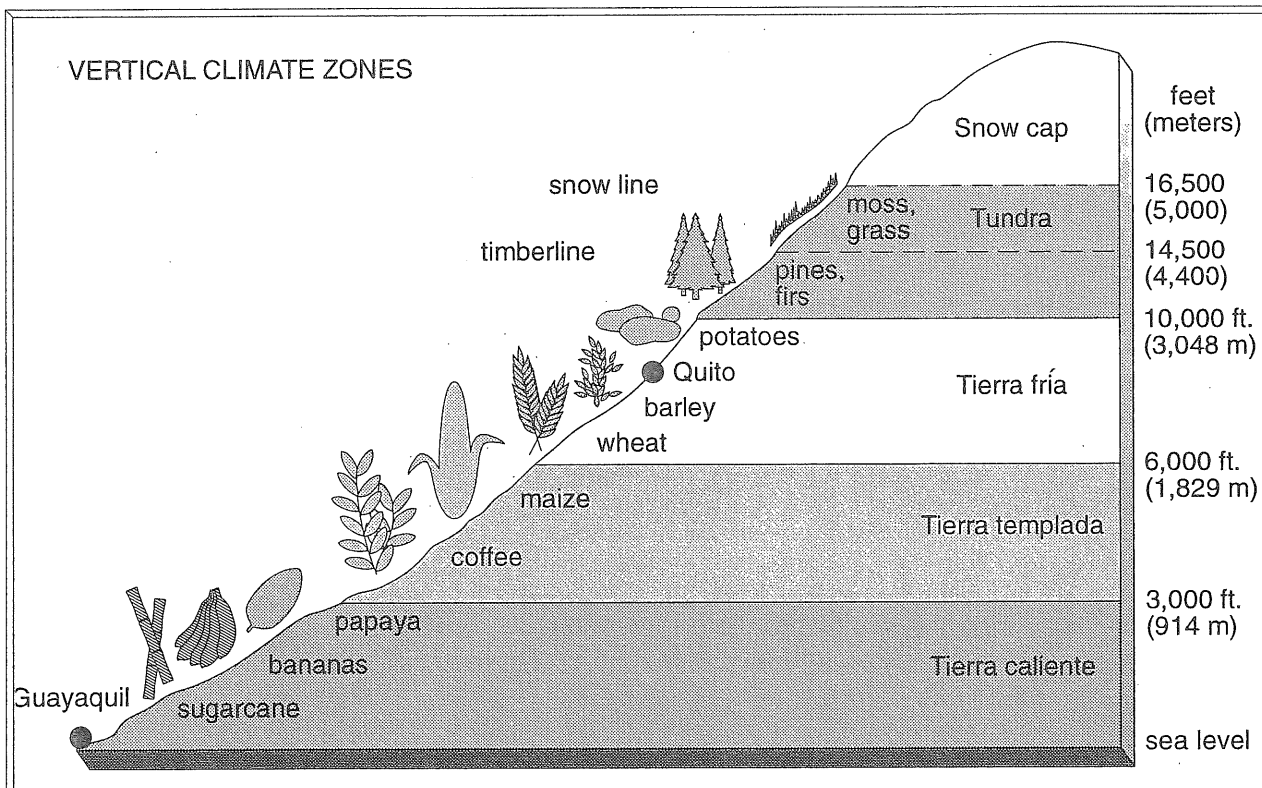
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# Enrichment Activity 8

## Vertical Climate Zones in Latin America

Use with Chapter 8.

To a great degree, the climates of the Latin American topics are controlled by elevation. Communities located just a few miles from each other often have greatly different physical environments as a result of their different altitudes. For example, a trip by car or train from Ecuador's coastal city of Guayaquil to its interior city of Quito would pass through three vertical climate zones. The natural vegetation and agriculture of each zone reflects the changing climates. Study the diagram of vertical climate zones below and fill in the chart that follows.



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Vertical Climate Zone	Type of Climate	Primary Crops
Tierra fría	_____	potatoes, _____, wheat
_____	_____	maize, _____
Tierra caliente	hot, wet rain forest	_____, _____, _____

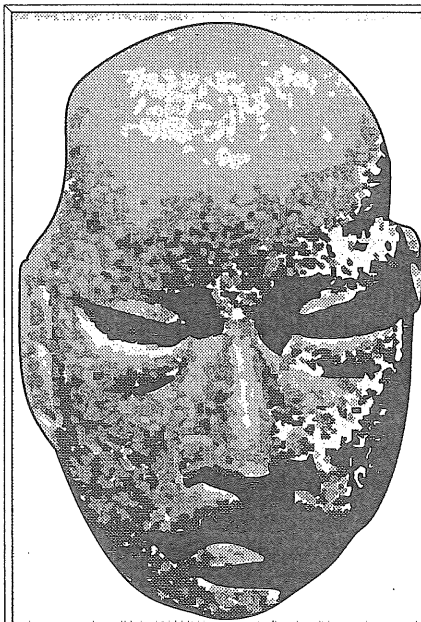
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# Enrichment Activity 9

## *The Olmecs of Mexico*

Use with Chapter 9.

- Read the following excerpt about the Olmecs, one of the earliest civilizations in the Americas, and answer the questions below.



The Olmec civilization flourished along the Caribbean coast of Mexico from about 1200 B.C. to about 100 B.C. Then it strangely disappeared. For 3,000 years Olmec achievements lay undisturbed, buried in layers of mud.

Today archaeologists have uncovered many Olmec remains. The Olmec carved in jade and stone, and sometimes buried the objects. Their remains include stone heads, about 9 feet (2.7 m) tall and weighing 15 short tons (13.6 metric tons); stone pillars and altars; and jade carvings of gods and heroes.

From such clues gathered over the past 50 years, archaeologists have filled in more details of a complex society. The Olmec are believed to have developed theories of astronomy, staged elaborate ceremonies, and played various sports, including a ball game.

After the collapse of the Olmec civilization, Olmec descendants and neighboring peoples kept Olmec culture alive. Olmec achievements in art, politics, religion, and economics influenced Native American civilizations that came after, including the Maya and the Aztec.

1. When and where did the Olmec civilization thrive?  
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2. What Olmec remains have archaeologists uncovered during the past 50 years?  
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3. According to archaeologists, what were some of the achievements of Olmec civilization?  
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4. What civilizations developed in Mexico after the collapse of the Olmec civilization?  
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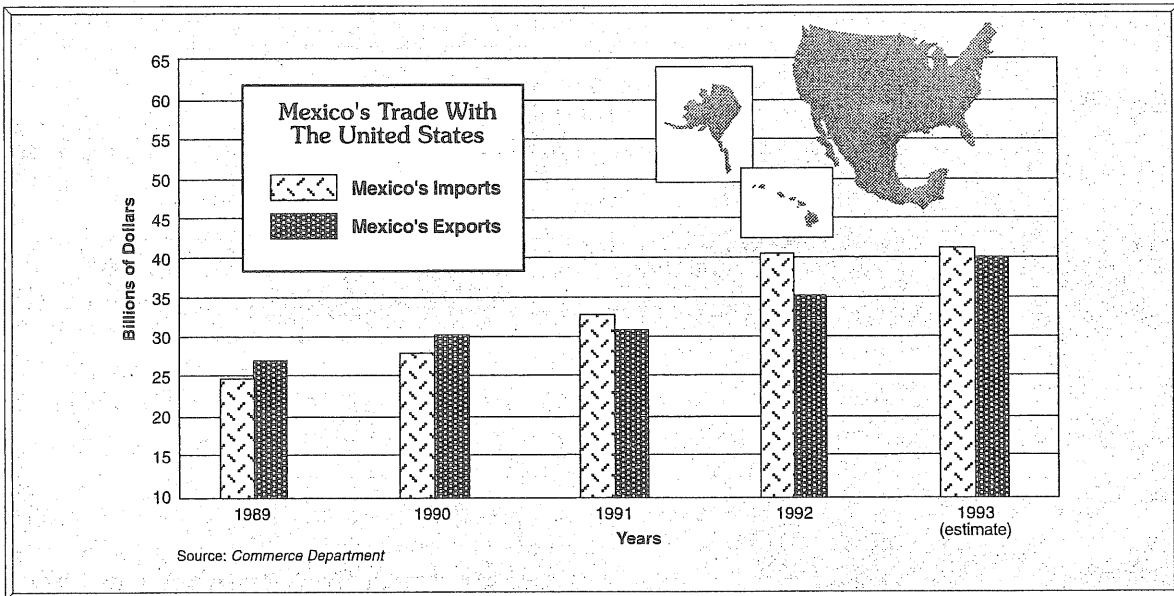
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# Enrichment Activity 10

## *Mexican Trade with the United States*

Use with Chapter 10.

- The United States is Mexico's major trading partner. The two countries trade many goods. Use the bar graph below to answer the questions that follow.



- What is the value of exports estimated for 1993? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the difference in value between exports and imports in 1989? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If the trend of the trade pattern for the years 1989 through 1993 continues, how do you think the value of exports and imports will compare during the rest of the 1990s? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Between which two years did Mexico have the largest increase in exports? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Between which two years did Mexico have the largest increase in imports? \_\_\_\_\_
- Compare the rate of growth of exports to that of imports for the years 1989 through 1993.  
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