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Section 1

Guided Reading Activity 8-1

The Physical Geography of Latin America: The Land

Use with Chapter 8
Section 1

After reading Section 1, you should be able to identify the diverse landforms of Latin America and to describe the abundant natural resources of the region.

 As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks below.

1. The islands of the Caribbean are also known as the _____.
2. The continent of _____ is the largest land area of Latin America.
3. Two prominent mountain ranges in Mexico are the _____ and the _____.
4. The world's longest mountain chain is the _____.
5. The _____, or "high plain," is located in Bolivia and Peru.
6. _____ are large, fertile plains areas located along the Caribbean coast of South America.
7. The grassy, treeless plains of Argentina and Uruguay are known as _____.
8. The most extensive river system in South America is the _____.
9. _____, the largest lake in Latin America, contains important oil fields.
10. _____, used to make aluminum, is mined in Jamaica and Guyana.

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Section 2

Guided Reading Activity 8-2

*The Physical Geography of Latin America:
The Climate and Vegetation*

Use with Chapter 8
Section 2

After reading Section 2, you should be able to name the climate regions of Latin America and to discuss the kinds of vegetation found in Latin America.

 As you read Section 2, fill in the blanks below.

1. Much of Latin America lies in the low latitudes—between the _____ and the _____.
2. The Amazon River basin has a _____ climate.
3. A _____ climate prevails in southeastern South America, from the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro to the Pampas of northern Argentina.
4. Northern Mexico and southern Argentina have a _____ climate.
5. The _____, which runs south from Chile's northern border with Peru, is one of the driest places in the world.
6. How warm, cool, or cold an area is depends on latitude and _____.
7. Lands at the highest altitudes in Latin America are said to be _____, meaning "cold country."
8. _____ climates dominate along the Andes in such countries as Ecuador and Peru.
9. The natural vegetation of Latin America consists mainly of _____ and grasslands.
10. In the hot, wet *tierra caliente*, crops such as _____, _____, and _____ are grown.