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Section 1**Guided Reading Activity 9-1***The Cultural Geography of Latin America:
Population Patterns*

Use with Chapter 9
Section 1

After reading Section 1, you should be able to appreciate the ethnic diversity of Latin America, to examine population density and distribution in Latin America, and to discuss the urbanization of the region.

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

1. About _____ percent of the world's population live in Latin America.
2. Most of the early European settlers were from the countries of _____ and _____.
3. In some Latin American countries, people of mixed Native American and European descent, or _____, make up the largest part of the population.
4. People of mixed African and European descent are known as _____.
5. The official language of Brazil is _____.
6. Most Latin Americans live on only about _____ of the region's land.
7. _____ is the most populated Spanish-speaking nation in the world.
8. The country of _____ has the highest population density of the continent of South America.
9. A _____ dominates the economy, culture, and government of a region.
10. _____ is the capital of Mexico.

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Section 2

Guided Reading Activity 9-2

*The Cultural Geography of Latin America:
History and Government*

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Section 2

After reading Section 2, you should be able to locate Native American civilizations of Latin America, to describe European empires of Latin America, and to discuss modern government in the region.


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

1. The people called _____ created an empire in Central America and southern Mexico, basing their economy on trade and agriculture.
2. The _____ people built a permanent capital on an island in the center of a large lake in central Mexico.
3. The _____ empire stretched along the Andes from Ecuador to Chile.
4. In the late 1400s, the Pope drew the _____, running from the North Pole to the South Pole, as a way of dividing land between Spain and Portugal.
5. In the 1600s, Spanish conquerors, or _____, overpowered the Aztec and Inca empires, seizing wealth for Spain.
6. During the colonial era, the Spanish monarch appointed _____ from Spain to govern the colonies in Latin America.
7. The Portuguese claimed the country of _____ as early as 1500.
8. The first Latin American country to become free of European rule was _____.
9. _____ of Venezuela and _____ of Argentina were two leaders of Latin America who fought for freedom in the 1800s.
10. Leaders called _____, or "strong men," were usually military rulers supported by wealthy landowners.

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Section 3**Guided Reading Activity 9-3***The Cultural Geography of Latin America:
Cultures and Lifestyles*

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Section 3

After reading Section 3, you should be able to name the religions of Latin America, to examine health care and education in Latin America, to discuss the arts in Latin America, and to describe life and leisure in the region.

 As you read Section 3, fill in the blanks below.

1. During colonial times, _____ was the official religion of Spanish and Portuguese colonies in Latin America.
2. Poor nutrition, or _____, is a problem in many parts of Latin America.
3. Pictures or designs made with small bits of colored stone, glass, or tile in mortar are called _____.
4. The literary movement known as _____ emphasized artistic expression for its own sake.
5. _____ was a Mexican artist known for his murals.
6. The architect _____ designed many of the buildings in Brasília, the Brazilian capital.
7. The _____ of Mexico performs traditional Native American and Spanish dances.
8. _____ of Colombia was a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.
9. An _____ includes aunts, uncles, and other relatives besides parents and children.
10. The fast-paced game of _____ is a favorite among many Mexicans and Cubans.