

Economy of Latin America

A day: 9/18/14

B day: 9/19/14



Photo 1:

Bell Ringer



Photo 2:



Legal V. Illegal Economies

Legal: agriculture, industry, Transportation, and trade

VS.

Illegal: Drug trade, human trafficking, gang activities

Legal: Agriculture

Farming is the main economic activity in Latin America

Minifundia- small farms

Latifundia- large farm

Cash crops- crops grown in large quantities to be sold or exported.

Coffee, bananas, and sugar are cash crops in Latin America.

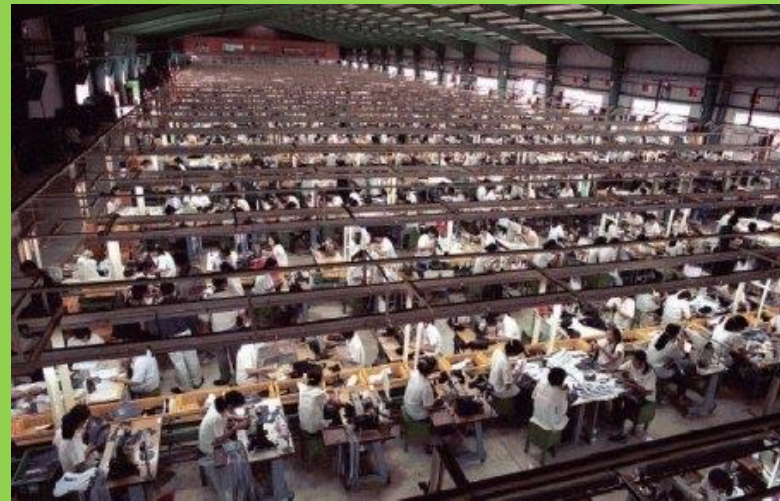


Legal: Industry

Most of Latin America's countries are developing

- Many countries are transitioning from agriculture to industry.
 - Ex. Oil industries, Tourism, Manufacturing
- Mexico and Brazil have stronger economies because they have expanded their global trade

Maquiladoras: American and Japanese manufacturing firms build factories in Latin America because the labor is cheaper



Legal: Transportation

- Trans-Amazonian Highway- Highway that cuts across the Amazon Rainforest
- Most major cities have an airport, rail system, and major roads
- Physical barriers limit railroad use
- Amazon, Paraguay, and Uruguay rivers are very important for transportation and trade



Illegal: Drug Trafficking



The movement and sale of illegal drugs

- **Drug cartel:** drug organization
- Drug production and trafficking zones are heavy in crime and violence.
- Latin America is the region with the most drug trafficking and violence in the world.

Illegal: Human Trafficking

- People are kidnapped, transported around the world, and forced into sex slavery.



Illegal: Gang Activities

- Daily violence between gangs has led to the increased number of illegal immigrants into the United States.



Video 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAfEq80YlWU>

Video 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IINfbN81h6c>

Independent Work – 30 minutes

Read the article about Latin America and answer the questions about it.



Refugees or Migrants?



Do you think that the children coming to the United States from Latin America are **refugees** or **migrants** and why?

Exit ticket

3- things you learned

2- things you want to know more about

1- thing you are confused about