

Latin America

World Geography

9/10

Announcements

1. New color coding for units

-Unit 3- Latin America=**GREEN**

-All papers in your binder for Unit 3 will be on green paper

2. Progress reports- must be signed and returned by Friday 9/12 (counts as a HW grade)

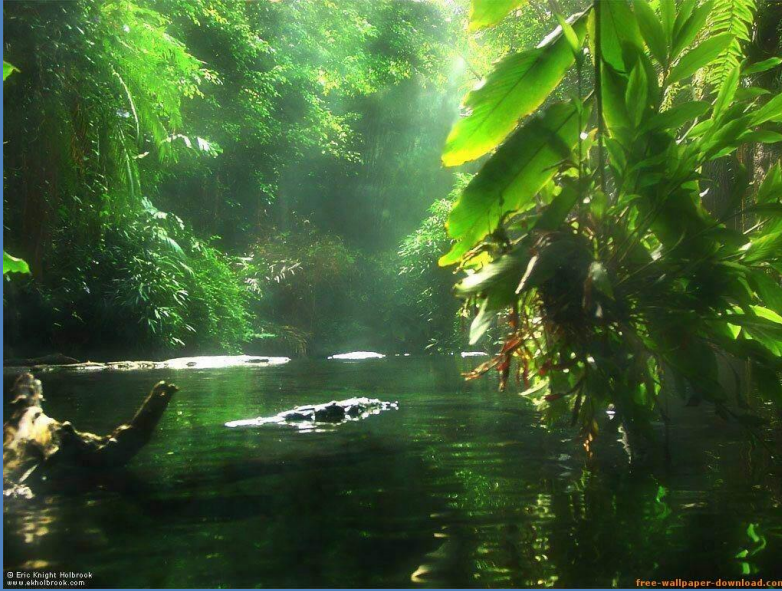
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Vocab

Describe, give examples, draw a picture, and use in a sentence one of the following words:

elevation, sea level, or hydroelectric power

Photo Analysis



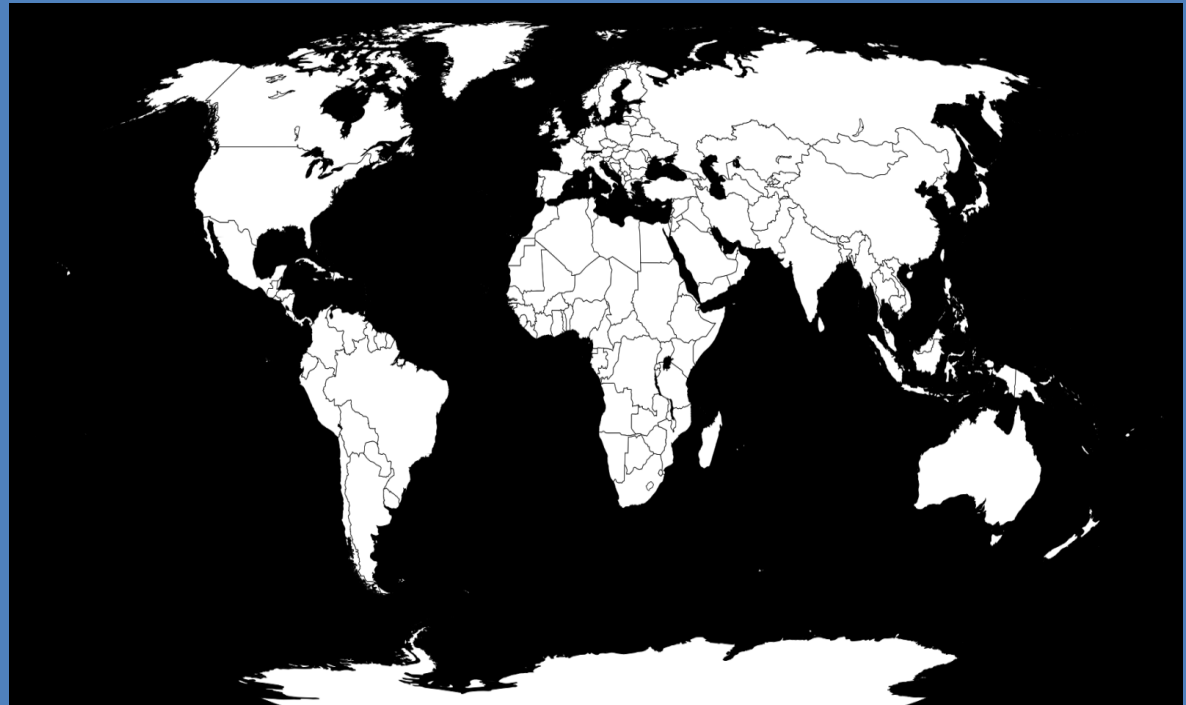
Latin America: A Region

- 2 continents make up Latin America:

- North America
- South America

Other regions:

- Central America
- Caribbean Islands



Latin America: Physical Features

- Landforms:
 - Andes Mountains
 - Along the Pacific Ocean
 - World's largest mountain chain.
 - Many volcanic eruptions and earthquakes along this coast.
 - Formed by colliding giant plates



Ring of Fire

- The Ring of Fire is an area along the coasts of countries on the Pacific Ocean where many earthquakes and natural disasters happen



Brazilian Highlands

- Several climates
- Several vegetation zones
- Warm climate is good for livestock



Mexican Plateau



- Covers most of Northern and Central Mexico
- Dry/desert/semiarid climate
- Little vegetation
- 6000 ft above sea level

Bodies of Water

- Amazon River → 4000 miles
(longest river in the Western Hemisphere
→ 10 times the water as the Mississippi River)



Bodies of Water

- **Gulf of Mexico**- Major site for hurricanes
- Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay Rivers are 2nd largest in Latin America
 - All of these river systems provide hydroelectric power- energy produced from moving water
- Panama Canal → Man made canal across the isthmus of Panama to allow easier travel

Latin America: Physical Features

- **Natural Resources:**

- Oil mainly in Venezuela
- Hydroelectric power from rivers
- Minerals (gold, silver, emeralds)



Political divisions keep natural resources from being fully developed

Map Activities- 10 minutes

1. Complete the location/significance map activity using your notes and page 190 of your textbooks
2. Complete the region map activity on the next page

Independent Practice – 30 minutes

1. We'll watch this video all together

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

2. Independently complete the worksheet using the textbook pages indicated in the directions and your notes.

Exit Ticket

Use the word bank to identify the picture and locate it on the map.

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