**Latin America Physical Geography**

* Regions of Latin America are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Caribbean Islands, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Landforms**:

* + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mountains
    - along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean
    - Worlds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountain chain.
    - Many volcanic eruptions and earthquakes along this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Formed by colliding giant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Ring of fire: area along the coasts of countries on the Pacific Ocean where many earthquakes and natural disasters happen
  + Brazilian Highlands
    - Several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Several vegetation zones
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ climate is good for livestock
  + Mexican Plateau
    - Covers most of Northern and Central Mexico
    - Dry/desert/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_climate, little vegetation, 6000 ft above \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bodies of Water:**

* Amazon River🡪 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles

(longest river in the Western Hemisphere 🡪 10 times the water as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River)

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

**Natural Resources:**

* + Oil mainly in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Hydroelectric power from rivers
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (gold, silver, emeralds)

**Questions:** Read the statement and answer the following questions silently and by yourself.

Political divisions and unfriendly borders keep natural resources from being fully developed.

1. How does this affect Latin America’s economy in a negative way? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Is this also true in the United States/Canada? Give examples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_