

AIM 8.7: What issues and events have shaped Latin America during the 20th century?

Directions: Answer the questions as we progress through the lesson. You do not need to copy the bullet points. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the class website for your reference.

1. What regions are collectively known as Latin America? _____.
2. Name some countries located in South America _____.
3. Name some countries located in Central America. _____.
4. Name some countries located in the Caribbean. _____.
5. Most people from Latin America are ethnically a 'mix' of _____, _____, and/or _____.
6. The dominant language in Latin America is _____, but _____ are also spoken.
7. Historically the upper classes of Latin American society are the descendants of _____.
8. Like China and India, many Latin American countries have struggled with the issue of _____.
9. One political problem that has been faced by Latin American nations is _____.
10. Countries who needed to diversify their cash crop economies attempted a policy known as _____.
11. One example of changing social patterns in 20th century Latin America was _____.
12. The most populated Spanish-speaking nation in the world, _____ gained independence from _____ in 1821.
13. Under the rule of dictator _____ (1877-1911), industrialization improved but most Mexicans remained poor.
14. During the Mexican Revolution (1911-1917), _____ and _____ both led peasant revolts.
15. Some of the most famous artistic expressions of Mexican nationalism are _____ by artists like Diego Rivera.
16. The largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world by area is _____.
17. Argentina's most famous leader was _____ (1946-1955) who ruled as a dictator but was popular among the people.
18. Argentina's military government murdered approximately 20,000 citizens in what is called the _____ (1976-1983).

19. The military government suffered an embarrassing defeat to Britain in 1982 after trying to acquire _____.
20. Built by the U.S. in the early 1900s, the _____ expanded trade by connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
21. Several Latin American nations have problems controlling criminal gangs involved in illegal _____.
22. A rapid increase in both legal and illegal _____ from Latin America to the U.S. began in the 1970s.
23. Though it has improved since the 1980s, some Latin American economies still struggle with _____.
24. An environmental problem that has especially affected Brazil is _____.