

## Building Vocabulary

Andes Mountains	pampas	llanos	push factor
cerrado	Orinoco River	Amazon River	pull factor
Paraná River	rain forest	slash-and-burn	
terraced farming	infrastructure		

**A. Sentence Completion** Select the term that best completes the sentence.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the South American continent are part of a chain of mountain ranges that run down the Pacific coast of North, Central, and South America.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ are vast expanses of plains found in the interior of Brazil.
- In South America, the \_\_\_\_\_ flows about 4,000 miles from west to east, emptying into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are at work in moving peasants and farmers off the land and drawing them to the cities.
- A country's \_\_\_\_\_ includes such things as sewers, transportation, electricity, and housing.

**B. Matching** Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. pampas           | a. they have made settlement along the Pacific coast of South America difficult                     |
| _____ 2. llanos           | b. a 1,500-mile river that flows mainly through Venezuela   |
| _____ 3. Orinoco River    | c. a method used to clear land for farming  |
| _____ 4. Paraná River     | d. they cover more than two million square miles of South America and contain many species of trees |
| _____ 5. rain forests     | e. grasslands of northern Argentina and Uruguay   |
| _____ 6. slash-and-burn   | f. an ancient technique for growing crops on hillside or mountain slopes                            |
| _____ 7. terraced farming | g. vast plains in Colombia and Venezuela  |
| _____ 8. Andes Mountains  | h. a 3,000-mile river that flows through Paraguay and Argentina                                     |

**C. Writing About Geography** Imagine you have taken a tour of Latin America. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a summary of your trip. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

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| Andes Mountains | pampas      | llanos        |
| Amazon River    | cerrado     | Orinoco River |
| Paraná River    | rain forest |               |



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Spanish conquest	Tenochtitlán	maquiladoras
NAFTA	Panama Canal	calypso
Treaty of Tordesillas	Inca	Quechua
Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)	Carnival	samba
United Provinces of Central America	reggae	capoeira

**A. Sentence Completion** Select the term that best completes the sentence.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico began when Cortés and his soldiers conquered the Aztecs in 1521.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are factories in Mexico that assemble imported materials into finished goods that are then exported, mostly to the United States.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ cuts through Panama and connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.
- From their capital at Cuzco in Peru, the \_\_\_\_\_ extended their power and built a great empire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a martial art and dance that developed in Brazil from African origins.

**B. Matching** Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. Tenochtitlán	a. an agreement between Spain and Portugal that gave Portugal control over the land that became present-day Brazil
_____ 2. PRI	b. in Mexico, a political party that helped to introduce democracy
_____ 3. NAFTA	c. Aztec capital
_____ 4. United Provinces of Central America	d. music that developed in Jamaica in the 1960s
_____ 5. reggae	e. a Brazilian dance with African influences
_____ 6. Quechua	f. in 1823, this area declared its independence from Mexico
_____ 7. Treaty of Tordesillas	g. a trade agreement between Mexico, the United States, and Canada
_____ 8. Carnival	h. a festival in Brazil
_____ 9. samba	i. language of the Inca

**C. Writing About Geography** Imagine that you attended a celebration that reflected the cultures of both the Caribbean and Brazil. Using the following terms correctly, write a description of the music and dance at the celebration. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

capoeira      Carnival      samba      calypso      reggae

Define:  
 mestizo  
 cultural hearth  
 informal economy  
 Mercosur

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biodiversity  
caudillo  
junta

land reform  
global warming  
oligarchy

deforestation  
debt-for-nature swap

**A. Sentence Completion** Select the term that best completes the sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ means the cutting down and clearing away of trees and forests.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the term used for the rising temperature of the atmosphere.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a plan in which a government gets debt relief and environmentalists get rain forest preservation.
4. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a government run by a few people.
5. Throughout the 20th century, many Latin American countries were ruled by a military dictator or political boss known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Matching** Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. biodiversity         | a. a plan for saving the rain forest   |
| _____ 2. deforestation        | b. a harsh government run by the military  |
| _____ 3. global warming       | c. a wide range of plant and animal species                                      |
| _____ 4. debt-for-nature swap | d. the breaking up of large landholdings and giving land to poor peasant farmers |
| _____ 5. oligarchy            | e. Juan Perón was a famous one   |
| _____ 6. junta                | f. clearing of the trees that has destroyed much of the rain forest              |
| _____ 7. caudillo             | g. caused by excessive carbon dioxide  |
| _____ 8. land reform          | h. a type of government widespread in Latin American countries during the 1800s  |

**C. Writing About Geography** Imagine you are a foreign correspondent covering an attempted revolution in a Latin American country. Because of unjust land distribution, the peasants are revolting against a government run by a few aristocrats. The military is carrying out a harsh crackdown on the rebels. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a newspaper article about this attempted revolution. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

oligarchy                  caudillo                  junta                  land reform