

**Geography of Latin America Study Guide** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do most people in Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela, and Brazil live in urban areas? \_\_\_\_\_

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Venezuela, Brazil, Mexico, and Cuba all border a major ocean. How is this an economic advantage?

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In some countries, most people live in the interior of the country. In others, they live along the coast.

Where do most Brazilians live? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is it a problem for a country to depend too heavily on oil exports to support their economy?

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What percent of oxygen is believed to come from the Amazon Rainforest? \_\_\_\_\_

Which metal is mined more in Mexico than anywhere else in the world? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following is a natural resource that is an important export to Brazil:

- a. Shoes
- b. Cars
- c. Iron ore
- d. Sugar cane

What is deforestation and why is this an issue in Brazil? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does geography play a role in Mexico City's air pollution problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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How is the government of Mexico trying to reduce air pollution in the city? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the 3 main sources of cultural groups in Latin America? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is one cause of the blending or mixing of Latin American cultures? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of a cultural group that is the blending, or mixing, of European explorers from Spain and Latin Americans from Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_

Which country's language and culture has been greatly influenced by Portugal? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Which religion is practiced most in Latin American? \_\_\_\_\_

There are more jobs available in large cities than there are in rural areas. What term describes the **ability to read and write** that leads to higher paying jobs? \_\_\_\_\_.

How does literacy rate affect a country's economic development? \_\_\_\_\_

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10 out of 30 questions will be map skills questions. Make sure you study the Latin America maps and know both the countries and physical features that are a part of the standard (in your notebook).