

REGION #4 – THE AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN FACT SHEET

CULTURAL:

What people colonized the Western Hemisphere?

Why do some countries in the Americas and Caribbean have a strong African influence and large Black populations?

Why did many immigrants come to the U.S.? When did most of them come?

What is the most important religious institution in most Latin American countries?

Who were the very first Europeans to come to the Western hemisphere? When did they first come?

How did Mexican people who couldn't read or write learn about their history?

ECONOMIC:

What's the richest country in the hemisphere? What's the poorest?

What does NAFTA stand for? What is it?

Island nations in the Caribbean and many Central American countries have economies based on what? Why is that a problem?

What has led to the destruction of the Amazon rainforest? How?

What is the only nation in the Western Hemisphere that is a member of OPEC?

What are 2 forces that drive the illegal drug trade between Latin America and the U.S.?

Who is the largest trading partner of the US in the Western hemisphere?

POLITICAL:

How has the US interfered in many Latin American countries in the last half of the 20th century? In which countries?

What was Operation Condor?

Who was involved in Nicaragua's civil war in the 1980s?

What is the US commonwealth in the Caribbean?

What is the region's only communist country? Who was the leader there until 2008? Who is the leader now?

What led to the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early 1960s? Why was this an important event?

What Canadian province has wanted independence from Canada? How are people in that province different from the rest of Canada?

Which 2 countries share the longest unguarded border in the world?

What happened in Venezuela after 2015?