

Latin America Activator

Look at the world map below. Circle the area(s) considered Latin America. See if you can identify the location of the following countries and physical features on the map: Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific Ocean, Panama Canal, Amazon River, Andes Mountains



Essential Question: Where are the major physical features and nations of Latin America



Standards:

SS6G1a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Amazon River, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific Ocean, Panama Canal, Andes Mountains, Sierra Madre Mountains, and Atacama Desert.

SS6G1b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela

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Use the Latin America Physical Features Map

Latin America Physical Features

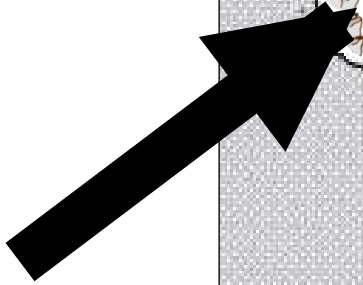
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Feature	Description
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Sierra Madre Mountains

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Sierra Madre Mountains:
Main mountain range in Mexico
with three major chains

Gulf of Mexico



2.

A satellite-style map showing the Gulf of Mexico region. The land is depicted in shades of green and brown, while the water is dark blue. The Gulf of Mexico is the large body of water in the center, bordered by the United States to the north and Mexico to the south. The Florida peninsula is visible on the right side of the Gulf. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box at the bottom of the image.

Gulf of Mexico:

Arm of Atlantic Ocean; Mississippi River and Rio Grande are two major rivers that flow into the Gulf of Mexico

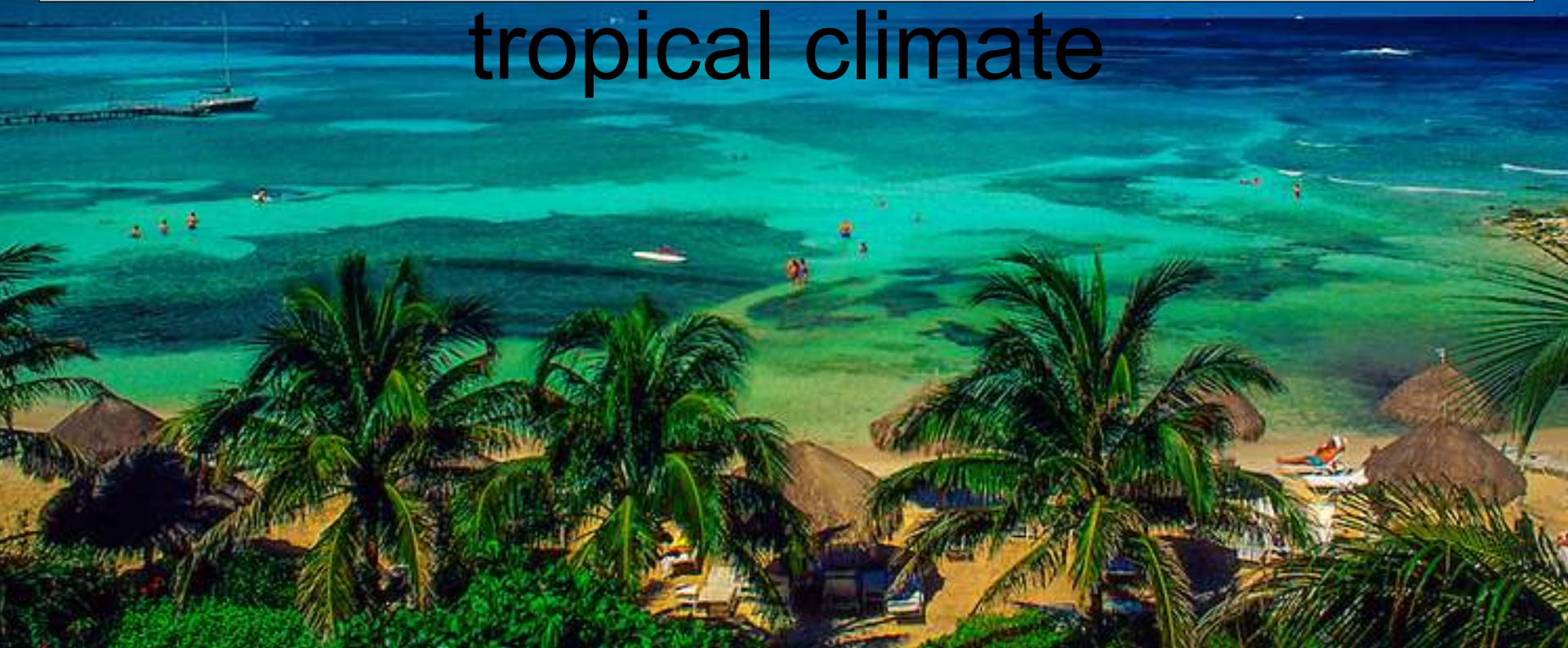
Caribbean Sea



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Caribbean Sea:

**Arm of the Atlantic Ocean;
popular tourist attraction due to
beautiful beaches and mild
tropical climate**



Panama Canal

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Panama Canal:

Canal built to allow ships to travel easily between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.



Pacific Ocean

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Pacific Ocean:

Largest and deepest ocean; larger than the total land area of the world



Andes Mountains

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Andes Mountains:

Chain along the western edge of South America that is the longest continuous mountain range in the

world

Atacama Desert

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Atacama Desert:

Driest place on earth; high elevation along coast of Chile; average temperature is actually chilly; parts have never had

Amazon River



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Amazon River:

Second longest river in the world; flows mostly through Brazil; carries the greatest volume of water of any river



Amazon River



Mexico

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Cuba



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Haiti



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Venezuela



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Colombia



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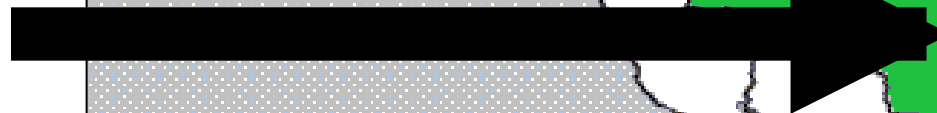
Bolivia



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Brazil

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Create a Mnemonic Device to help remember the countries of Latin America

