

## 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.

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

## Building Vocabulary

Spanish conquest

NAFTA

Treaty of Tordesillas

Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)

United Provinces of Central America

Tenochtitlán

Panama Canal

Inca

Carnival

reggae

maquiladoras

calypso

Quechua

samba

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.

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| _____ 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

# Building Vocabulary

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| biodiversity | land reform    | deforestation        |
| caudillo     | global warming | debt-for-nature swap |
| junta        | oligarchy      |                      |

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ means the cutting down and clearing away of trees and forests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the term used for the rising temperature of the atmosphere.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a plan in which a government gets debt relief and environmentalists get rain forest preservation.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ is a government run by a few people.
- 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