

Chapter 11: Central America and the Caribbean Study Guide

Natural Resources

Windward side

Isthmus

Leeward side

Greater Antilles

Mangrove

Lesser Antilles

Natural Resources of Central America and Caribbean

Countries in Central America

Bauxite

Physical Geography of Central America

Environmental Hazards in Central American and Caribbean

Tectonic Activity that is happening

Central America

Ways islands are formed

Size comparatively

Climate of the area

Indigenous

How terrain affects the weather (coast vs. mountains)

Why Indian population declines

Rain Shadow or orographic effect

What European country settles there?

Only colony that isn't Spanish

What year Belize received its independence?

What towns were built around?

Why no plantations developed on Costa Rica

When it received its independence

Cacao

Railroads (why and their importance)

Why rich families rule

Important crops

Why the rich families in control are a problem

Panama Canal

Why do they need land reform?

When the US gave up control of the canal

What countries especially needed land reform?

Religion

How Guatemala is dealing with land reform

Official languages

3 areas of Panama

Mestizo

What is the least developed county?

Mulatto

What is the most developed country?

African influence- why?

Ecotourism

Where most Central American Indians live

What covers 25% of Costa Rica?

Leading industry in Costa Rica

What country owned the Dominican Republic?

What happened after the Spanish American War?

Caribbean

Commonwealth

Why does each island have a slightly different culture? Which country is a commonwealth of the US?

What European explorer “discovered”

What is the difference between a commonwealth and a state?

What country was he exploring for?

40% of Cubans are this

Why called West Indies

What countries have the largest African Populations?

Why did the Spanish lose interest?

What country has the largest Asian Populations?

What three countries competed for the islands?

How the official language of each country is decided

Where they got their labor supply and why they needed it

What areas speak Spanish?

When slavery ends where do they get workers from?

What areas speak English?

What country owned Haiti?

What areas speak French?

When did they get their independence?

Creole

Papiamento

Allspice

Where are Roman Catholics located?

Caricom

Where are Protestants located

Why was caricom created?

Voodoo

Fidel Castro

Santeria

What country is communist?

What three countries do 70% of all people in the Caribbean live in?

Restrictions the US has placed on Cuba

Largest city

Soviet Union

4 problems of population growth

Most industrialized country

Why is it the most industrialized country?

Market economy

How can tourism be bad? (3 reasons)

Command economy

Economy mostly is what?

Map

Be able to locate all of the areas (including bodies of water) in Central America and the Caribbean on a map

