

Brunswick School Department
Grade 6
Latin America
Physical Geography

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The climate, resources, and physical geography of Latin America have had a strong influence on the lifestyle of the people and made it necessary for them to develop a diversified economy.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the main geographic regions and physical features in Latin America? ▪ How do Latin America's geographic features affect the lives of the people? ▪ What kinds of climate and vegetation does Latin America have? ▪ In what ways do climate and vegetation affect how Latin American's live? ▪ What are important natural resources in Latin America? ▪ Why is it important for Latin American nations to diversify their economies?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Factors that affect climate include: elevation, location, and wind patterns. ▪ Factors that affect an economy include: natural resources, the world's economy, weather, and the ability to diversify. ▪ Climate regions of Latin America include: tropical, arid, subtropical, tundra, and highland. ▪ Mexico and Central America have an abundance of land and sea resources due to their location and environment. ▪ Caribbean countries have rich soil and a good climate for farming and growing products such as sugar and coffee. ▪ South America has a tremendous variety of resources (minerals, oil, plants, fish) due to its location and environment. ▪ A one-resource economy depends largely on one resource or crop.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Places:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mexico, Central America, South America, Caribbean, Andes, Atacama Desert, Patagonia, Amazon river/rainforest/basin. ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ plateau, isthmus, pampas, tributary, El Nino, elevation, hydroelectricity, diversify

<p>Essential Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain two ways in which the three regions of Latin America are alike. ▪ Explain two ways in which the three regions of Latin America are different. ▪ Explain how the life of a family living on a Caribbean island would be different from a family living high in the Andes or in the Amazon Rainforest. ▪ Describe the effects of a disease that destroyed Colombia’s coffee crop. How would this loss affect the coffee plantation workers and their families? How would it affect Colombia’s economy? ▪ Construct and interpret maps of Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.
<p>Related Maine Learning Results</p>	<p><u>Social Studies</u> <u>Geography</u> A. Skills and Tools 1. Visualize the globe and construct maps of the world and its sub-regions to identify patterns of human settlement, major physical features, and political divisions. 2. Develop maps, globes, charts, models, and data bases to analyze geographical patterns on the earth. B. Human Interaction with Environment 3. Explain how cultures differ in their use of similar environment and resources. <u>Economics</u> D. International Trade and Global Interdependence 2. Evaluate how world trade issues can affect a nation’s economy and how trade can influence and transform societies. 3 Explain why trade allows specialization and identify specific examples of how nations specialize.</p>
<p>Sample Lessons And Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete a family comparison chart. ▪ Complete a chart comparing the regions of Latin America.
<p>Sample Classroom Assessment Methods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete Chapter 1 Test from Prentice Hall.

<p>Sample Resources</p>	<p><u>Publications:</u> <u>Prentice Hall, Latin America,</u> Chapter 1- sections 1, 2, 3 and Teacher Guide. <u>Milliken Map Skills: Latin America – Grades 7-9</u> <u>National Geographic Picture Pack</u> (South America & o Middle America)</p>
<p>Technology Link</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum