

Social Studies
Global Geography: Academic
Unit 2: South and Middle America

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political, physical, economic, social, historic, and environmental factors contributed to the development of this region.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the major political and physical features? Where are these features located? What cultures existed and interacted? What environmental challenges are evident?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges that face this region include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farming/food for an arid land with an increasing population Economic and environmental developments Political and physical features shape the region. History of a region shapes its characteristics. Cultural and religious characteristics shape the region.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> isthmus, mestizos, hacienda, plaza, maquiladores, mulattoes, ecotourism, Creole, Voodoo, tepuis, latifundia, manioc, minifundia, favelas
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a timeline to show patterns that developed in this region. Identify defining events in history of this region. Draw place and/or feature locations. Identify names, locations, and characteristics of political and physical features. Explain historical and cultural changes. Show how resources and economics are related.
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>Social Studies</u> D. Geography D1. Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns Students understand the geography of the United States and various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the major regions of the Earth and their major physical, environmental, and cultural features using a variety of geographic tools. Analyze local, national, and global geographic data on physical, environmental, and cultural processes that shape and change places and regions. Evaluate the impact of change, including technological change, on the physical and cultural environment.
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a graphic organizer to describe Mexico's physical and cultural geography

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Student explanation of graphic organizer
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Publications:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>World Geography Today</u> - Holt, Rinehart, 2003▪ <u>Videos:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Aztecs, & Amazon</u>