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# ***World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 6***

## *Chapter 12: The Geography and History of Latin America*

### *Section 3: Modern Latin America*

#### **Guided Notes**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Governments in Latin America often had times of \_\_\_\_\_ since they gained independence. Many have been ruled by military leaders or \_\_\_\_\_ (people who rule with total authority, often in a harsh way).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ systems have spread, however, in the past few decades.
3. One example of a Latin American dictator was Augusto Pinochet of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Many believe that Pinochet was able to keep \_\_\_\_\_ from taking over the country, but others viewed him as a cruel leader who disrespected the \_\_\_\_\_ of anyone who opposed him.
5. Even though \_\_\_\_\_ are held in most Latin American countries today, there is widespread \_\_\_\_\_, and liberal and socialist leaders dominate politics.
6. The war on \_\_\_\_\_ has been an ongoing battle in the United States and in many Latin American countries.
7. Mexico is working to \_\_\_\_\_ its police force and fund more opposition to drug \_\_\_\_\_ (criminal drug-trafficking organizations).
8. \_\_\_\_\_ has implemented nationwide programs to keep drugs from being a major problem on the small island nation.
9. Unlike Cuba, where education and strict policing have deterred major drug problems, \_\_\_\_\_ has large organizations that operate throughout the country.

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10. With a turbulent history of \_\_\_\_\_ between the European and indigenous peoples, the Latin American people have suffered financially.
11. Many areas are so challenged they lack the basics of life: clean \_\_\_\_\_, basic supplies, housing, electricity, and basic health care.
12. Jobs are mostly found in \_\_\_\_\_ areas, away from the poor farming regions, but the same \_\_\_\_\_-level problems persist in cities as well as rural areas.
13. The organization Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas has developed a system to assist struggling \_\_\_\_\_ move out of severe poverty. Leaders of 15 western hemisphere governments hope to grow \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the region.
14. However, new immigration laws and changing \_\_\_\_\_ have changed old patterns of \_\_\_\_\_ (movement from one locality to another).
15. The increase in \_\_\_\_\_ on the routes to the United States is another deterrent for families moving to find better jobs and educational opportunities. \_\_\_\_\_ and other criminals have made it risky for the working poor to move with their families.
16. In South America, regional movement has been \_\_\_\_\_ affected by free trade agreements and by the numbers of people moving into regions that promote protection of the rights of \_\_\_\_\_.