

Answer Key

Impact of Location, Climate, and Natural Resources on the People of Latin America

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Mexico

1. Describe Mexico's location in the world and in relation to the U.S. Location makes it a great trading partner with the U.S.
2. How do you think Mexico's location impacts its trade? Why? It's location on oil reserves make it important for many countries.
3. Describe Mexico's land and climate. Many types of landforms: plateaus, mountains, forests. Climate: North/Central - dry, little rainfall. South - Humid, tropical
4. List the main natural resources of Mexico and where they are located. North: silver, copper, lead, iron, oil. Oil is along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.
5. Describe where most people live in Mexico and explain a possible reason why. 1. Central - urban areas to find jobs in factories. 2. North - rich in natural resources. 3. Towns close to the U.S. to work in factories. 4. Tourism - Cancun and Acapulco.

Brazil

11. Describe Brazil's location in the world and in South America. Location on the Atlantic Ocean allows it to ship products all over the world.
12. How do you think Brazil's location impacts its trade? Why? Top trading partners are the U.S. and Argentina; trades all over the world.
13. Describe Brazil's land and climate. Land: low elevation, rainforest covers 2/3 of the country. Climate = Warm and humid
14. List the main natural resources of Brazil and where they are located. South - sugarcane, coffee beans, and oranges.
15. Describe where most people live in Brazil and explain a possible reason why. Most people live in cities along the Atlantic coast because the north is covered by the rainforest.

Cuba

16. Describe ~~Brazil's~~ ^{Cuba's} location in the world and in South America. Trade is easy because it is surrounded by water; it is close to both North + South America.
17. How do you think ~~Brazil's~~ ^{Cuba's} location impacts its trade? Why? They trade heavily with Venezuela and China; trade is easy because it is surrounded by water.
18. Describe ~~Brazil's~~ ^{Cuba's} land and climate. Land - Flat to rolling plains, with mountains covering part of the island. Climate - semi-tropical with warm, moderate temperatures.
19. List the main natural resources of ~~Brazil~~ ^{Cuba} and where they are located. Sugarcane, coffee beans, tobacco, and other crops across the whole island.
20. Describe where most people live in ~~Brazil~~ ^{Cuba} and explain a possible reason why. Most live in cities + towns where they might work in factories. Those who live in rural areas may work on farms owned by the government.