

Latin America



Preview**Making a Mental Map of the Region**

Draw an outline map of Latin America on the opposite page or on a separate sheet of paper. Add a compass rose to your map, showing where north, south, east, and west are. Then draw and label these features where you think they are located:

- the equator
- other regions or bodies of water that you think lie north, south, east, and west of this region
- the area(s) that you think have a humid, tropical climate
- the area(s) that you think have a cold, polar climate
- the area(s) that you think have the greatest population
- the area(s) that you think have the smallest population

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Draw your mental map of Latin America below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for students to draw their mental map of Latin America. The box occupies most of the page below the instruction.

Challenge 1

Learning About the Physical Geography of Latin America



Challenge 2

Learning About the Human Geography of Latin America



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Challenge 3 Using Geography Skills to Answer “Where?”

Question	Circle the thematic map you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.				
1	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
2	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
3	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
4	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
5	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
6	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
7	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
8	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
9	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
10	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity

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Challenge 4 Using Geography Skills to Answer “Why There?”

Question	Circle the thematic maps you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.				
1	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
2	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
3	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
4	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
5	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
6	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity

Challenge 5
Using Maps to Analyze a Field Photograph

	Location A (27° north, 105° west)	Location B (3° south, 65° west)	Location C (15° south, 72° west)
Physical Features			
Climate Zones			
Vegetation Zones			
Population Density			
Economic Activity			

Challenge 5

Using Maps to Analyze a Field Photograph

We think the field photograph best matches Location ____ .

Supporting-Evidence Statements

1. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

_____ .

In the field photograph, we see _____

_____ .

2. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

_____ .

In the field photograph, we see _____

_____ .

3. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

_____ .

In the field photograph, we see _____

_____ .

4. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

_____ .

In the field photograph, we see _____

_____ .