

## South and Central America: Part One Pre-Test

1. True or false: South America is a continent. \_\_\_\_\_
2. True or false: Central America is a continent. \_\_\_\_\_
3. For each of the following countries, write S if it is in South America, C if it is in Central America, or X if it is in neither Central nor South America. (Hint: There are seven countries in Central America, and thirteen countries in South America.)

<p>_____ Argentina</p> <p>_____ Belize</p> <p>_____ Bolivia</p> <p>_____ Brazil</p> <p>_____ Burundi</p> <p>_____ Chile</p> <p>_____ Columbia</p> <p>_____ Costa Rica</p> <p>_____ Ecuador</p> <p>_____ El Salvador</p> <p>_____ French Guiana</p> <p>_____ Guatemal</p>	<p>_____ Guinea</p> <p>_____ Guyana</p> <p>_____ Honduras</p> <p>_____ Mexico</p> <p>_____ Nicaragua</p> <p>_____ Nepal</p> <p>_____ Panama</p> <p>_____ Paraguay</p> <p>_____ Peru</p> <p>_____ Sri Lanka</p> <p>_____ Suriname</p> <p>_____ Uruguay</p> <p>_____ Venezuela</p>
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4. The \_\_\_\_\_, located in South America, is the world's longest continuous mountain chain.
  - a) Himalayas
  - b) Andes
  - c) Appalachians
  - d) The world's longest continuous mountain chain is not in South America
5. True or false: The Amazon River, located in South America, is the longest river in the world.  
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Video Quiz**

**Directions: Circle the answer or answers that best answers each of the following questions.**

- (1.) This country in Central America is
  - (a) Nicaragua
  - (b) Panama
  - (c) Belize
  - (d) Venezuela
  
- (2.) This country in South America is
  - (a) Ecuador
  - (b) Brazil
  - (c) Venezuela
  - (d) Argentina
  
- (3.) This region, found in the Andes, is known as
  - (a) Patagonia
  - (b) Colombia
  - (c) An archipelago
  - (d) The Altiplano
  
- (4.) The longest coral reef in the Western Hemisphere is found off the coast of
  - (a) Belize
  - (b) Costa Rica
  - (c) South America
  - (d) Patagonia

## South and Central America: Part One Map Exercise

**On Map 2b:**

1. Draw approximate borders and label the following Central American countries:

Belize  
Costa Rica  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Panama  
Nicaragua

2. Label the following:

North America  
South America  
Central America  
the Pacific Ocean  
the Atlantic Ocean  
the Caribbean Sea

3. Draw and label the Equator.

**On Map 2c:**

4. Label the following countries:

Argentina  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Columbia  
Ecuador  
French Guiana  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Suriname  
Uruguay

5. a. Draw and label the Galapagos Islands.  
b. Label Cape Horn.

7. a. Using a red colored pencil, indicate the location of the Andes mountain chain.  
b. Using a blue colored pencil, indicate the course of the Amazon River.

3b

Name \_\_\_\_\_





## South and Central America: Part One

### INTERNET ACTIVITIES

**Directions:** For each site, complete the activity as directed. Use the back of the sheet or another piece of paper if you need more room.

1. <http://lanic.utexas.edu/las.html>

The University of Texas at Austin.

Select the topic in which you are most interested and uncover a fact no one else is likely to know, such as the Nahuatl word for caterpillar. Write your fact in the space below, along with the URL of the page where you learned it.

2. <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/gateway/bib/latin.html>

Ohio State University.

Write the call number of the Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture in the space below.

3. <http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguaia>

New Mexico State Library, Las Cruces.

This site has a *Search Tip* near the beginning. Using this tip, find out what the author says is “fastest growing.”

4. <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/40/index.html>

Hartford Web Publishing, Hartford, CT.

Select “Images” from the World History icon, then go to the “Ancient Mode of Production” folder. Can you find the information on the Inka (the same thing as Inca) Empire from there? What images are shown?

5. <http://milton.mse.jhu.edu:8001/research/history/hist16.html>

John Hopkins University, Milton S. Eisenhower Library.

What periodical indexes and abstracts are listed for research on Latin America?

6. <http://www.latinolink.com/biz/biz97/0502blat.htm>

LatinoLink Enterprises, Inc.

Summarize an article about a topic which interests you.

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Post-Test**

1. Name the seven Central American countries.
  
2. What three South American countries are collectively known as the Guyanas?
  
3. Name the important facts about each of the following:
  - a. The Altiplano.
  
  - b. Aconcagua.
  
  - c. Ushuaia.
  
  - d. The Western Coastal Plains.
  
  - e. The Pre-Cambrian Highlands.
  
  - f. The Pampas.
  
  - g. Patagonia.
  
4. What causes Central America's frequent earthquakes?

**South and Central America: Part Two**  
**Pre-Test**

1. The major ecosystem of Central and South America is:  
 a) desert  
 b) rain forest  
 c) coast  
 d) prairie
  
2. South and Central America have been inhabited by humans for:  
 a) less than 3,000 years  
 b) over 4,000 years  
 c) over 8,500 years  
 d) over 13,000 years
  
3. True or false: The Mayan Empire conquered and destroyed the Inca Empire. \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. The European conquerors came from two countries. Select them from the list:  
 a) France  
 b) Spain  
 c) England  
 d) Germany  
 e) Portugal  
 f) Belgium
  
5. True or false: Most South Americans today live in coastal fishing villages. \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Mestizos are people with a mixed ethnic background. Which of the following peoples do they count in their cultural and ethnic heritage?  
 a) Europeans  
 b) Japanese  
 c) Africans  
 d) Native Americans  
 e) Pakistanis  
 f) All of the above
  
7. True or false: Some countries in modern South and Central America have a majority population of people of European descent. \_\_\_\_\_

**South and Central America: Part Two  
Video Quiz**

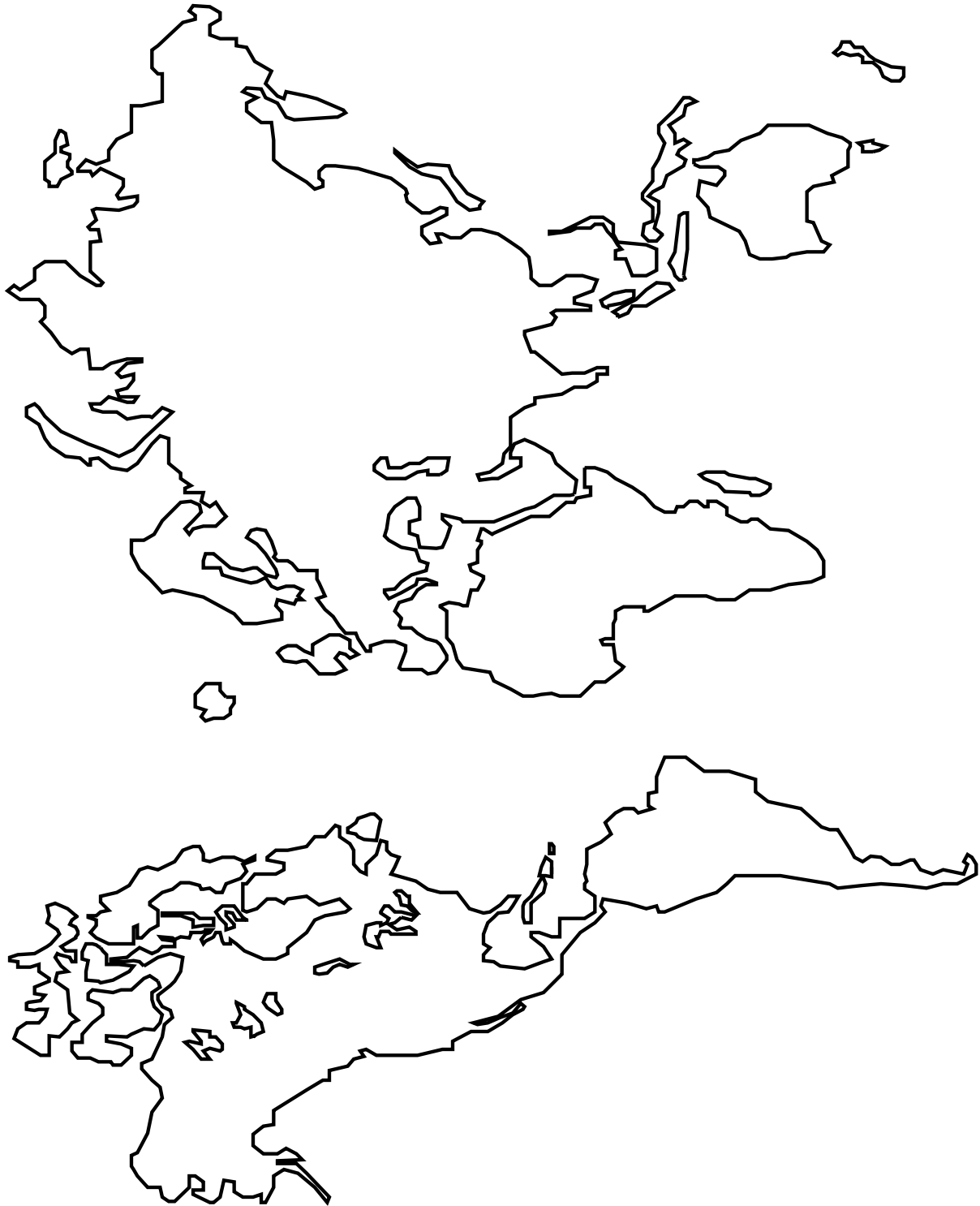
**Directions: Circle the answer or answers that best answers each of the following questions.**

- (1.) This building is an example of
  - (a) A Mayan city
  - (b) a hacienda
  - (c) The Hispanic culture
  - (d) A mission
  
- (2.) Some of the world's greatest biodiversity is found in the
  - (a) temperate climates
  - (b) Galapagos Islands
  - (c) jungle
  - (d) rain forest
  
- (3.) Most of the people in South America live
  - (a) in cities along the coasts
  - (b) in cities on the Pampas
  - (c) in Buenos Aires
  - (d) in fishing villages along the coasts
  
- (4.) The dominant culture of Paraguay is
  - (a) Iberian
  - (b) Quechua
  - (c) Roman Catholic
  - (d) Guarani

## South and Central America: Part Two

### Map Exercise

Directions: On the world map below, label the following: Spain, Portugal, Europe, Africa, the Mayan Empire, the Inca Empire, Lima, Quito, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Tierra del Fuego, the Guarani-speaking region, the Quechua-speaking region



**South and Central America: Part Two**  
**Post-Test**

1. Where are the Galapagos Islands? Describe their significance, and name the person and book that brought the islands to the world's attention.
  
2. When and where did the Mayan Empire exist? What were their known accomplishments?
  
3. Name the three contemporary, large cities in South America.
  
4. The video covered economic and historical events during several periods.
  - a. What key changes occurred in the nineteenth century?
  
  - b. In the early twentieth century?
  
  - c. From the 1870s until World War I?
  
  - d. After World War II?
  
5. What ethnic group makes up ninety percent of the population of Chile?
  
6. What ethnic group makes up ninety percent of the population of Uruguay?
  
7. Name the two native languages still in use in South or Central America, and name the regions in which the languages are spoken.