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NORTH AMERICA
Middle America

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

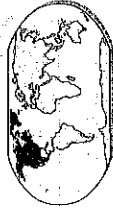
PLACES, REGIONS, AND LANDSCAPES

1. Use the Land Cover Map of Middle America on page 102 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write **T** in front of the sentence if it is true and **F** if it is false.
 - a. _____ Most of the land cover in Yucatan Peninsula is cropland.
 - b. _____ The land cover in Baja California is primarily semi-desert and desert.
 - c. _____ Judging by their land cover, the Sierra Madre Occidental is drier than the Sierra Madre Oriental.
 - d. _____ Much of Cuba's land cover is cropland.
 - e. _____ Most of Nicaragua is covered by tropical rain forest.
- ★ 2. Use the Elevation Map of Middle America on page 103 to answer the following questions.
 - a. Why do you think the Plateau of Mexico is drier than the Yucatan Peninsula?

 - b. How would you describe the land in Cuba?

3. Use the Volcanoes map on page 103 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.
 - a. When did the two volcanoes shown in Panama last erupt?
before 1 A.D. 1 A.D. to 1399 1900 or later
 - b. Which country has the most volcanoes that have erupted since 1900?
Mexico Honduras Cuba
 - c. Which plate includes the islands of Puerto Rico and Grenada?
North American Plate Cocos Plate Caribbean Plate

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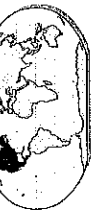
ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

4. Use the Precipitation map on page 104 with the Elevation Map on page 103 to sequence the following places in order of precipitation, with **1** representing the area that gets the least rain and **5** the most.
 - a. _____ Cuba
 - b. _____ Northern Yucatan Peninsula
 - c. _____ North-central Mexico
 - d. _____ Baja California
 - e. _____ Panama
5. Use the Climate map on page 104 to match the following areas of Middle America with their predominant climates.

Areas of Middle America	Climates
a. Southern Honduras •	• Tropical rain forest
b. Northwestern Mexico •	• Savanna
c. Cuba •	• Desert
d. Puerto Rico •	• Highland

LOCATION

6. Use the Energy Resources and Metals map on page 106 to complete the following sentences.
 - a. Most of Middle America's oil resources are found in the countries of _____ and _____.
 - b. _____ is the only resource represented in Baja California.
 - c. Panama has several icons representing gold resources and two icons representing _____.
 - d. Mexico's natural gas resources are primarily located on the (*direction*) _____ coast.



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HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

LOCATION

1. Use the Land Use map on page 105 to match the following places in Middle America with their predominant land use.

Places in Middle America

- a. Around Acapulco, Mexico •
- b. Eastern Cuba •
- c. Northern Panama •
- d. San Juan, Puerto Rico •
- e. Around Chihuahua, Mexico •

Land Use

- Urban
- Commercial farming
- Subsistence farming
- Ranching or herding
- Forestry

USES OF GEOGRAPHY

2. Use the Annual Middle American Agriculture graph on page 105 to complete the following sentences.

- a. The two Middle America countries that export the most sugar cane are _____ and _____.
- b. _____ is Middle America's leading exporter of bananas.
- c. Middle America's third leading exporter of sugar cane and bananas is _____.
- d. _____ is the leading exporter of oranges and mangoes, accounting for over 60 percent of Middle America's exports for each.

- ★3. Use the Balance of Trade graphs and information about the Panama Canal on page 106 to answer the following questions.

- a. What is the biggest difference between Cuba's trading partners and Guatemala's?

- b. Do you think Cuba would be more likely to use the Panama Canal when exporting to Russia or the European Union?



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4. Use the Population map on page 107 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write **T** in front of the sentence if it is true and **F** if it is false.

- a. _____ Puerto Rico has a population density of over 250 people per square mile.
- b. _____ Panama has its densest population near Panama City.
- c. _____ Most of Cuba has a population density over 250 people per square mile.
- d. _____ Most of eastern Honduras has a population density of 5 to 50 people per square mile.
- e. _____ Monterrey, Mexico, has a population density of 100 to 250 people per square mile.

HUMAN SYSTEMS

5. Use the Latin America map on page 107 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.

- a. Which language is spoken in most Latin American countries?
Spanish Portuguese French Other
- b. Which language is primarily spoken in Brazil?
Spanish Portuguese French Other
- c. Which country has a primary language other than Spanish?
Chile Argentina Guyana Cuba
- d. How many French-speaking countries are there in South America?
one two three four

6. Use the Ethnic Composition of Guatemala graph on page 110 to sequence the following ethnicities in order of percentage, with 1 representing Guatemala's highest ethnic percentage and 5 representing the lowest.

- a. _____ European
- b. _____ African
- c. _____ All others
- d. _____ Mestizo
- e. _____ Amerindian