

Middle America Unit Review

Unit Test Information: The question type includes matching; fill in the blank; short answer; and true/false

Assignments to Review:

- Introduction to Latin America
- Impact of Latin America History
- Mexico
- Central America
- Islands of the Caribbean

Main Content Items: Understand the following:

Introduction to Latin America

- The most common language spoken in this region *Spanish*
- Overall literacy rate *Fairly high; most over 85%*
- Overall life expectancy *Most pretty high; over 70 years*
- Overall GDP per capita *Most. quite low; below \$10,000*

Impact of Latin America History (Detailed answer key already posted)

- Mayas
- Aztecs
- Incas
- Spanish/Portuguese
- British/French/Dutch

Mexico

- President's power and length of term *higher power compared to USA; one 6 year term*
- What/where Maquiladoras are *USA-owned factories in northern Mexican cities*
- Positive and negative impact of increased industry *
 - + : *helps economy; improves trade*
 - : *increases pollution;*
- Benefits and negative impact of Mexican *migrant* workers in USA *
 - + : *Mexican families can make a decent wage (better than they work hard in jobs most Americans don't want in Mexico)*
 - : *Separates families*
"taking jobs away" from Americans

Central America

- Benefits and negative impact of the land and climate * *(See essay example)*
- Main economic activities *Farming*
- Main crops *bananas, coffee, sugar cane*

The Caribbean

- Difference between volcanic and coral islands
 - have fertile soil - good for farming*
 - have poor soil - not good for farming*
 - Traits of Cuba and USA relationship
 - Cuba has a communist government that is controlled by a dictator who tightly controls the society & economy. USA & Cuba had good trading relationship until the communist takeover of 1959.*
- *Know "both sides" of these topics in depth!