



# ***World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 6***

## *Chapter 12: The Geography and History of Latin America*

### *Section 1: The Land and People of Latin America*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Latin America is located on two continents: \_\_\_\_\_ America and \_\_\_\_\_ America.
2. There is a large body of water on the western side of \_\_\_\_\_—the Pacific Ocean—which stretches down the entire western side of Central and \_\_\_\_\_ America.
3. On the eastern side of Mexico, there are two smaller bodies of water— the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico and the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.
4. Moving south from \_\_\_\_\_ on the map, you will find many smaller countries in Central America. This region is an \_\_\_\_\_, or narrow strip of land connecting two landmasses.
5. The United Nations recognizes 33 \_\_\_\_\_ and 15 territories in Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. In addition to these countries, there are many \_\_\_\_\_ nations. An important one is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. As the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ conquered the indigenous people, they spread their languages and religion across Central and South America and the Caribbean.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common language there today with over 300 million native speakers, although there are many accents and varieties of Spanish depending on location.
9. Portugal ruled \_\_\_\_\_ from the 1500s until 1822, so \_\_\_\_\_ is the official language of Brazil.

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10. Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ people of Central and South America moved into the mountains and into the jungles. This isolated them from the European explorers and colonists, so their \_\_\_\_\_ survive today.
11. The religion of Latin America is mostly Roman \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Priests, friars, and monks of the Roman Catholic Church set up \_\_\_\_\_ all over Latin America to convert the indigenous people to Christianity.
13. As a result of these influences, it is estimated that over 425 million people, or 40 percent of the Roman Catholic Church population, is \_\_\_\_\_.