Geography “I Can” Statements

Latin America

Chapters 9 - 11

Vocabulary to know:

Biodiversity Caudillo Cerrado

Cultural hearth Debt-for-nature swap Deforestation

Global warming Inca Informal economy

Infrastructure Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) Junta

Land reform Llanos Maquiladoras

Mestizo NAFTA Oligarchy

Pampas Panama Canal Pull factors

Push factors Quechua Rain forest

Slash-and-burn Spanish conquest Terraced farming

Treaty of Tordesillas United Provinces of Central America

1. I can describe the main geographic features of Latin America.
2. I can explain the importance of resources in Latin America.
3. I can describe the climate and vegetation of Latin America.
4. I can identify how agriculture reshapes the environment in Latin America.
5. I can describe the effects of urbanization and migration to cities.
6. I can explain the positive and negative effects of tourism.
7. I can describe the economies of Latin America.
8. I can describe life in Latin America today.
9. I can describe the Aztec, Mayan, and Incan civilizations and discuss their impact on the region.
10. I can explain Spanish conquest and independence movements in South America.
11. I can discuss the colonization of Latin America.
12. I can describe the uses of the rain forest.
13. I can explain the social costs of destruction of the rain forest and discuss how it can be prevented.
14. I can describe the struggle for democratic government in Latin America.
15. I can explain the main challenges Mexico faces in developing a modern economy.