

# Latin American History Study Guide

## Answer Sheet

1. What was the capital of the Aztec empire? *Tenochtitlan*
2. Which items showed that the Aztecs had advanced knowledge?  
*Their artwork and architecture. They also had a very advanced capital, Tenochtitlan*
3. What did the Spanish do to the Aztec's art after they conquered their home? *They destroyed it*
4. Cortes is most famous for doing what? *Defeating the Aztecs*
5. What did Montezuma do to Cortes and his men as they approached? *He welcomed them*
6. How did Mexico City get its name?
7. How long did Spain control Mexico after conquering the area?  
*300 years*
8. Who was the ruler of the Aztecs when Cortes arrived in Mexico?  
*Montezuma*
9. What did Montezuma give Cortes when they met?  
*Gifts of gold and silver*
10. Why did Montezuma's people view him as a great leader?  
*He ruled by fear. People were afraid of him.*
11. How many miles long was the Inca civilization?  
*2,000 miles along the western coast of South America, near the Andes Mountains*

12. Which modern country includes land that was part of the Inca Empire?

Peru and Chile

13. What country conquered the Inca Empire?

Spain

14. What person conquered the Inca Empire ?

Francisco Pizarro

15. Describe how Pizarro conquered the Incas.

He ambushed his people during a sneak attack. Atahualpa had thousands of soldiers, but Pizarro seemingly showed up alone.

16. What natural resource did Atahualpa have an abundance of?

gold

17. What was considered the "Old World"?

Europe

18. What was considered the "New World"?

The Americas

19. What was the Columbian Exchange?

The exchange of goods that happened after Christopher Columbus "discovered" the New World

20. List the goods sent from the old world to the new world.

language, religions, disease, animals, coffee, peaches, sugar, slaves

21. List the goods sent from the New World to the Old World.

cocoa, corn, potatoes, peppers, and tomatoes

22. Where did Europeans in the 16th century find a cheap labor source for work in the new world?

Africa

23. What is effect of slavery that influences Latin America today?

Mixed ancestry, Africans plus Europeans= mulattoes

24. What languages and religion are found in Latin America?

spanish- most of Latin America portuguese- Brazil Roman Catholic

25. How did colonization play a role in today's language and religion?  
Europeans spread their language and religion after they colonized a region.
26. Toussaint L'Ouverture gained freedom for which country?  
Haiti
27. Who put Toussaint L'Ouverture in prison?  
The French
28. What was Toussaint's childhood like?  
His daddy read books to him that spread ideas of freedom.
29. Simon Bolivar is known as the liberator of which group of people?  
The people of South America
30. What country is named after Simon Bolivar?  
Bolivia
31. Miguel Hidalgo was known as the father of independence for which country?  
Mexico
32. What was Miguel Hidalgo's job?  
A priest
33. Who took over as dictator of Cuba in 1959?  
Fidel Castro
34. What kind of government did Castro create in Cuba?  
autocratic/communism He is a dictator
35. What country helped Castro build Cuba into a communist country?  
Former Soviet Union
36. Why did the Zapatistas not like NAFTA?  
They felt farmers in Mexico would not be able to compete with the US farms coming into their country
37. What group do the Zapatistas support?  
the indigenous people
38. What are the goals of the Zapatistas?  
to improve the living conditions and rights of the indigenous people
39. How did the Zapatistas show they were against NAFTA?  
They took over several towns and cities in Mexico