

Class: 7th grade

Social Studies

Lesson #11, April 6th

Learning Target: What are some of the major geographic features of Latin America?

Warm Up

Although Central America is considered part of North America, why do you think it is considered its own region?



Lesson Activity

As you read through today's document you will learn about the differences in geography in countries throughout Central America. You will answer a set of comprehension questions which go along with the reading. At the end of the lesson you will answer the Essential Question, from the warm-up.

To extend your learning please click on any of the pictures, towards the end of the page, to learn more about each of the different parts of Central America.

Practice-use the following link, [5.3 Central America | World Regional Geography: People, Places and Globalization](#), to answer the following questions, on a piece of notebook paper.

1. What are the main altitudinal zones and how do they impact the lives of people living in each zone?
2. What geographic features do the Central American republics share?
3. How are the Central American republics different in their political histories?
4. What countries are included in CAFTA-DR? Why would anyone oppose this agreement?
5. Who started building the Panama Canal? Who completed it? Who controls it today?
6. Why was the Panama Canal so important to the United States?

Reflection

After reading through the information, and answering the questions, you should be able to answer the same question from the warm-up with a more detailed answer.

Consider similarities and differences between United States and Canada compared to Mexico and other Central American countries. This similarities and differences could include language spoken, geography, climate, and history.

Why is Central America considered its own region although it is technically considered part of North America? (write this answer below your answers to today's questions)

Extended Learning opportunity

To extend your learning please click on any of the pictures found on this link <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-worldgeography/chapter/5-3-central-america/> (the pictures are towards the end of the page), to learn more about each of the different parts of Central America.