



9-12 Spanish 3 Virtual Learning

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Las celebraciones del mundo hispano: El Día de Simón Bolívar

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Lesson:
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Objective/Learning Target:
Students will gain cultural and historical understanding of the struggle for independence and a leader of the movement in Latin America.



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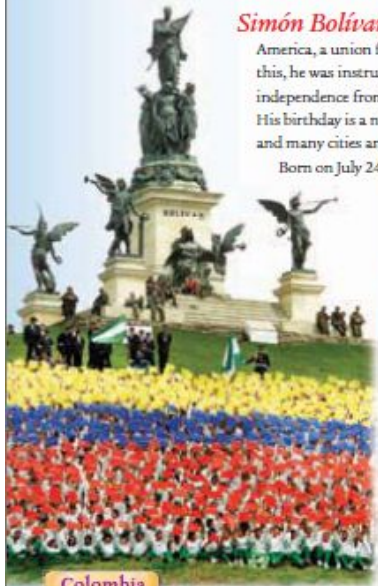
How did the country of Bolivia get its name?

Who was El Libertador?

Most Spanish-speaking countries gained their independence from which country?



Día de Simón Bolívar



Colombia

Monumento a Simón Bolívar This monument marks the location of the Battle of Boyacá, where Bolívar's forces defeated the Spanish resulting in the liberation of Gran Colombia. To celebrate the anniversary of the battle, students form the colors of the Colombian flag.

Simón Bolívar, known as *El Libertador*, envisioned a united South America, a union for which he fought, but never attained. Despite this, he was instrumental in bringing about much of South America's independence from Spain and became one of its most revered leaders. His birthday is a national holiday in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia, and many cities and towns have plazas or monuments in his honor.

Born on July 24, 1783, in Caracas, Venezuela, Simón Bolívar strongly believed in freedom from Spanish rule and worked toward that goal as a political leader, writer, and military commander. With his troops, he liberated present-day Venezuela, then Colombia. He was then named president of Gran Colombia, a federation comprised of what is now Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, and Ecuador. He went on to lead his troops into Peru, aiding in the final defeat of Spain. For two more years, Bolívar maintained his leadership, writing the constitution of Bolivia, a country named in his honor. By 1827, his dream of unification dissolved amidst growing rivalries between the South American military leaders. Three years later Bolívar died, on December 17, 1830.

Bolívares Venezuela's currency carries both Bolívar's name and image.

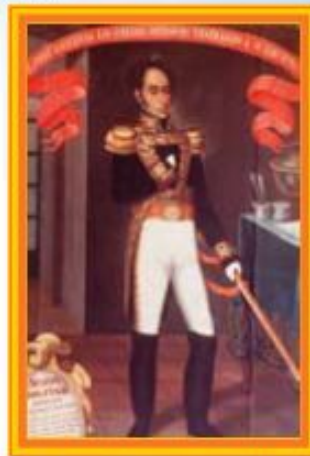
Venezuela





Ecuador

Líder de la Batalla de Pichincha Each year, the city of Quito commemorates the Battle of Pichincha, where Simón Bolívar sent troops under the command of Antonio José de Sucre to defeat the Spanish in one of the crucial battles in the fight for independence.



Simón Bolívar (1830), José Gil de Castro José Gil de Castro, renowned painter of Chilean society and of the independence leaders, painted this portrait of Bolívar in the early 1800s.



Venezuela

Vocabulario para celebrar

- la batalla battle
- la independencia independence
- El Libertador the liberator

Plaza de Bolívar This statue of Bolívar is located in the Plaza Bolívar, the historic, political, and commercial center of Caracas.



Comprensión cultural:

1. What famous leader in U.S. history would you compare with Simón Bolívar? Why? What do both leaders have in common?
2. What U.S. holidays are in honor of famous leaders? How are they celebrated? What other ways do we honor our important leaders?