

Visual Summary

Use the visual summary below to help you review the main ideas of the chapter.



Caribbean South America's physical features include rivers, plains, mountains, and the world's highest waterfall.



A country rich in history and culture, Colombia is enduring a civil war today.



Venezuela is an oil-rich nation that has a population of mostly mixed Indian and European descent.

Reviewing Vocabulary, Terms, and Places

For each statement below, write *T* if it is true and *F* if it is false.

1. The Andes is a river system.
2. The Orinoco River flows 1,300 miles (2,100 km) through Venezuela.
3. Caribbean South America's location near the equator means that the region is very cold.
4. The Chibcha were the first people to settle Colombia.
5. Colombian culture includes traditional African songs and dances.
6. Most Venezuelans are of mixed Indian and European descent.
7. Venezuela gained its independence from France.
8. Venezuela's economy depends on oil production.

Comprehension and Critical Thinking

SECTION 1 (Pages 186–189)

9. **a. Recall** What is the region's longest river?
- b. Analyze** How does the temperature vary in the Andes?
- c. Evaluate** Why do you think it would be hard to live in the rain forest of Colombia?

SECTION 2 (Pages 190–193)

10. **a. Describe** How did the Chibcha treat their ruler?
- b. Draw Conclusions** What created a problem for all Colombians after independence?
- c. Elaborate** Why do most Colombians live in fertile valleys and river basins?

SECTION 3 (Pages 194–199)

11. **a. Define** What is a strike?

SECTION 3 (continued)

- b. Draw Conclusions** Why did people from India immigrate to Guyana?
- c. Predict** Do you think Venezuela's government will continue to use oil wealth to help the country's people? Explain your answer.

Using the Internet

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- 12. Activity: Writing a Journal Entry** Ride with the llaneros! Pack your bags and prepare for a trek through the South American countryside. Explore the vast grasslands, visit villages, and learn about the life and work of the cowboys, or llaneros, of the Venezuelan plains. Enter the activity keyword. Then research and take notes about your adventure. Use the interactive template to write your journal entry. Describe what you have learned about the people and places you visited.

Social Studies Skills

- 13. Using Latitude and Longitude** Look at the physical map in Section 1. Find the lines of latitude and longitude. What line of latitude, shown on the map, runs through both Venezuela and Colombia? Which country in Caribbean South America is partly located on the equator?

FOCUS ON READING AND WRITING

- 14. Identifying Supporting Details** Look back over Section 2 on Colombia. Then make a list of details you find to support the section's main ideas. Make sure you include details about the Spanish conquest, independence, culture, resources, and civil war.
- 15. Writing a Letter** By now you have information about the region and the country you have chosen to live in. Begin your letter to your pen pal by describing the most interesting physical and cultural features of the whole region. Then write a second paragraph telling your pen pal about the special physical and cultural features of the country you've chosen to live in. Try to keep your pen pal interested in reading by including fascinating details and descriptions.

Map Activity

- 16. Caribbean South America** On a separate sheet of paper, match the letters on the map with their correct labels.

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|------------------|---------------|
| Llanos | Andes |
| Guiana Highlands | Orinoco River |
| Lake Maracaibo | |



DIRECTIONS: Read questions 1 through 7 and write the letter of the best response. Then read question 8 and write your own well-constructed response.

- 1 Temperatures in Caribbean South America remain warm year-round because of the region's location near the
 - A equator.
 - B Caribbean Sea.
 - C Amazon Basin.
 - D Tropic of Cancer.

- 2 What valuable natural resource were the Chibcha known for using?
 - A silver
 - B gold
 - C copper
 - D iron

- 3 What Colombian city was a major naval base and commercial port in the Spanish empire?
 - A Bogotá
 - B Cali
 - C Caracas
 - D Cartagena

- 4 Venezuela's economy is based on
 - A oil production.
 - B flower exports.
 - C small farms.
 - D silver mining.

- 5 Simon Bolívar helped several South American countries gain independence from
 - A Britain.
 - B Brazil.
 - C Spain.
 - D Mexico.

Volcanoes of Colombia



- 6 Based on the map above, active volcanoes are located in Colombia's
 - A rivers.
 - B mountains.
 - C plains.
 - D coastal areas.

- 7 The physical geography of the Guianas includes
 - A dense rain forests.
 - B deserts.
 - C the Orinoco River.
 - D the Andes.

- 8 **Extended Response** Look at the table of the world's oil exporters and the map of Venezuela's major resources in Section 3. Write a paragraph explaining why oil is Venezuela's most important resource. Identify at least two reasons.