Name _____

Middle America
The Land and the People

Region

1. Use the Land Cover Map on pages 50–51 to complete each of the following sentences. Cross out the incorrect answer in parenthesis.

a. The land cover for most of Cuba is (tropical rain forest, cropland).

b. The land cover for most of Baja California is (semi-desert and desert, grassland).

c. The land cover along the Isthmus of Panama is (tropical rain forest, broadleaf forest).

d. The land cover on the Yucatan Peninsula is mostly (tropical rain forest, grassland).

Location

2. Use the Political Relief Map on pages 52–53 to answer the following. Circle the correct answer.

a. Which country borders Belize and El Salvador?

Mexico Guatemala Honduras

b. Which country borders the Dominican Republic?

Jamaica Haiti Puerto Rico

c. The Mosquito Gulf borders which country?

Nicaragua Honduras Panama

d. Which country borders Honduras to the south?

Nicaragua Guatemala Costa Rica

e. The Bay of Campeche borders which country?

Belize Mexico Guatemala

Place

3. Use the Political Relief Map to match the following countries with their national capitals.

	Country	Capital
a.	Nicaragua •	• Kingston
b.	Cuba •	• Tegucigalpa
c.	Belize •	• Managua
d.	Jamaica •	• Havana
e.	Bahamas •	• Belmopan
f.	Honduras •	• Nassau

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Movement

4. Use Focus on the Panama Canal on page 54 to complete the following sentences. Underline the phrase that correctly completes each sentence.

a. Most ships traveling between Atlantic and Pacific ports
pass through the Panama Canal. sail around South America.

b. Locks in the canal are water-filled chambers that
raise and lower ships. keep ships from entering.

c. The surface elevation of the Panama Canal is
85 feet below sea level. 85 feet above sea level.

d. Colon, Panama, is on the
Pacific Ocean. Atlantic Ocean.

e. Sailing from New York City to San Francisco, the Panama Canal
is longer than the South American route. saves about 8,000 miles.

Relationships Within Places

5. Use the Land Use map on page 54 to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the space provided.

a. _____ The land use for most of Cuba is commercial farming.

b. _____ The land use for most of Panama is forestry.

c. _____ Most of Honduras is urban.

d. _____ Much of northern Mexico is used for subsistence farming.

e. _____ San Juan, Puerto Rico, is an urban area.

f. _____ The islands of the Bahamas are used for commercial farming.

g. _____ None of Mexico is used for ranching or herding.

6. Use the Population map on page 55 to complete the table below.

Place	People per Square Mile
Puerto Rico	
eastern Honduras	
Merida, Mexico	
most of Cuba	

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