INTRODUCTION

- 20 countries—map—correct spelling
  - http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/americas.html
    - Mex
    - Gua
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- World Atlas
- Rivers: Amazon, Orinoco, Rio de la Plata (or River Plate—soccer team—Parana and Uruguay)
- Mountains: Andes, Sierra Madre (B. Traven, The Bridge in the Jungle, The Carreta, Government)
- Largest Cities: Mexico, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Lima, Bogota, Santiago, Caracas—PRIMATE CITY PHENOMENON
- Languages: Spanish, Portuguese, French, Quechua, Aymara, Nahuatl, Mayan languages, Guarani, Italian, English, German, Welsh, Dutch, Haitian Creole
- Ethnicities: Indigenous (Guatemala, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru), Anglo (European—Southern Cone with Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile—also Costa Rica), Mestizo, African (Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Brazil)—issues of assimilation
- Religion: Catholic—liberation theology, evangelical Protestantism, Santeria
- Land-locked countries: Bolivia and Paraguay
- Colonialism—Hispanic heritage—Church, hierarchical ordering of relationships—patron/peon—monopoly and paternalism—economic centralization—language (se me cayo).
- Independence—1810-1826—French and Napoleonic conquest of Portugal and Spain; conflict between European-born Spaniards and creoles (American-born Spaniards); economic exploitation of the colonies
- Goals:
  - Economic
- Growth
- Equity
  - Political
    - Democratic/freedom
    - Institutionalization

- General Resources
  - LatinAmericanStudies.org
  - BBC News—see Country Profiles at bottom of page
  - CIA, The World Factbook