



World Geography

Unit V Study Guide: North America

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Directions: Use the following questions to help you prepare for the upcoming Unit IV Test on North America. The Study Guide covers the majority of topics that will be covered on the test, but topics discussed in class are eligible to be covered on the test.

Theme 1: Theories and Concepts of Geography

1. What sub-regions exist within North America?
2. What are the major land forms and water features of North America?
3. How does climate impact each of the sub-regions of North America?

Theme 2: Population and Migration

1. What are the major demographic differences between Anglo-America and Latin America?
2. What are the major ethnic groups of the United States and Canada and describe their relative spatial locations.
3. Which countries have significant indigenous populations still?
4. What is the demographic divides between Haiti and the Dominican Republic and how has that led to issues between the two countries?

Theme 3: Urban Geography

1. Explain the following Urban Models and where they were observed.
 - a. Concentric Zone Model

- b. Hoyt/Sector Model
- c. Multiple Nuclei Model
- d. Peripheral/Galactic City Model

Theme 4: Agriculture Geography

1. What are the major agricultural regions of North America and where are they located?
2. Explain the differences in Agriculture between Anglo America and Latin America
3. How did Mexico benefit from the “Green Revolution”?
4. What are the dangers to the Rainforests in Central America and how does its decline impact the region agriculturally and from a resource standpoint?
5. Where is plantation agriculture most common and what types of crops are being produced?

Theme 5: Industrial Geography and Development

1. When did the following regions industrialize? How? Where within? And what specific industries?
 - a. United States
 - b. Canada
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Rest of Central America
 - e. Caribbean

2. Explain each of the following surveys and where they are located.
 - a. Long-Lot

 - b. Metes and Bounds

 - c. Range and Township

3. Explain the features of the following Rural Village Structures
 - a. Linear Village

 - b. Grid Village

4. Explain the connections between Banana Republics to development, or lack thereof.

5. What are maquiladoras and how do they work with NAFTA to encourage economic connections between the United States, Canada, and Mexico? How is it beneficial or detrimental to those states?

6. What role do corporations, like Coca-Cola, have in the economic development of Central America?

Theme 6: Cultural Geography

1. What are the major cultural differences between Anglo America and Latin America?

2. What are the cultural ties that North America has to the European cultures? List and explain at least 6.
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

 - e.

 - f.

3. How has globalization impacted the culture of North America? Who are the biggest contributors and how? Use examples of products or activities that have contributed to this process.

Theme 7: Political Geography

1. What is devolution and how does it apply to Quebec?
2. How has the United States directly or indirectly influenced the political environment of the rest of North America?
3. What are territories and what countries maintain territories in North America still?
4. What impact did the Cold War have on the geopolitical make-up of North America?
5. Explain the impact of at least two different Supranational Organizations in North America.
6. Why have Cuban-United States relations been so problematic and how has that begun to change?