



# ***World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 6***

## *Chapter 13: Mexico (Estados Unidos Mexicanos)*

### *Section 1: The Geography of Mexico*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the second-largest country by population and the third-largest by \_\_\_\_\_ (square miles) in Latin America.
2. Mexico's location between the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean to the west and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea to the east gives it the opportunity to trade with all parts of the world.
3. Mexico's location also makes it a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ bridge.
4. There are also \_\_\_\_\_ in the north, plains, jungles, and plateaus (broad flat areas of high land).
5. Due to the harsh climate in the north near the US border, most people live in the center of the country in an area called the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The majority of the country's \_\_\_\_\_ lives in central Mexico between the states of Jalisco on the Pacific Ocean and Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico.
7. Mexico is the 13th-largest \_\_\_\_\_ exporter in the world.
8. Another famous natural resource from Mexico is \_\_\_\_\_—a precious metal worn by people all over the world.
9. Mexico's most dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ features are dominated by its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire. The Ring is a long chain of \_\_\_\_\_ that runs from New Zealand, around the Asian Pacific countries to Alaska, then south along the Pacific coast to the southern tip of South America.

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10. In between mountain ranges on the west and east is Mexico's largest region, the \_\_\_\_\_ . This is the most densely \_\_\_\_\_ region in Mexico and includes Mexico City.
11. Today Mexico City is known as one of the world's worst areas of air \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. About 90 percent of the air pollution is from \_\_\_\_\_. In 2016, the government banned about 20 percent of cars from the city's roads each day in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ pollution.



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### *Section 2: A Brief History of Mexico*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The land that is Mexico was once part of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Empires.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ people lived on the Yucatan peninsula in the rain forests bordering the Gulf of Mexico.
3. The empire of the \_\_\_\_\_ was in central Mexico centered on the area around today's Mexico City.
4. The Maya are known to have developed a \_\_\_\_\_ that accurately represented a year with 365 days. They also had a \_\_\_\_\_ system for their language, but the Maya had declined in population and power by the time the Spanish explorers arrived in 1519.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_, however, were at the height of their power when Hernan Cortes and his 600 soldiers arrived in Mexico from Spain.
6. Mexico had many \_\_\_\_\_ that made it an attractive colony for Spain.
7. Mexico was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ who was chosen by the monarch of Spain. This arrangement, which lasted for \_\_\_\_\_ years, did not allow for much citizen participation.
8. One of those who called for \_\_\_\_\_ was Miguel Hidalgo. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Roman Catholic Church.
9. Although his group of rebels won early victories, they were eventually \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spanish army.

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10. Mexican \_\_\_\_\_ finally came in 1821. General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna had fought in the \_\_\_\_\_ army, but he switched sides and fought for Mexican independence.
11. In its early years, Mexico had problems developing a stable \_\_\_\_\_.
12. In 1835, there was a revolution in \_\_\_\_\_, which was a part of Mexico.
13. A larger conflict with the United States was the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ War. From 1846 to 1848, the two countries fought to settle the \_\_\_\_\_ between them.
14. Santa Anna negotiated the sale of \_\_\_\_\_ with US Ambassador James Gadsden. Known as the \_\_\_\_\_, the land in southern Arizona and New Mexico was sold for \$10 million.
15. Benito Juarez was elected \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico in 1861.
16. While Juarez tried to get his country's finances in order, he stopped loan payments to \_\_\_\_\_ countries. \_\_\_\_\_ decided to invade Mexico as a response.
17. By 1876, the country was being run by a \_\_\_\_\_ known as General Porfirio Diaz.
18. In 1911, the masses of the poor revolted in the Mexican \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Today Mexico is an active, industrial country with a \_\_\_\_\_ elected leadership.
20. Mexico is working to build modern \_\_\_\_\_ and to keep a positive relationship with the United States and improve the lives of its people.

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21. \_\_\_\_\_ remains high in the country, and \_\_\_\_\_ due to the activities of drug cartels (criminal drug-trafficking organizations) is an ongoing problem.



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### *Section 3: The Government of Mexico*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is divided into the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. It is classified as a \_\_\_\_\_ government.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ currently in force in Mexico was approved by their Congress on February 5, 1917.
3. Mexico is also a \_\_\_\_\_ democracy. The citizens freely \_\_\_\_\_ the president, who can serve one 6-year term.
4. Citizens also elect members of the legislature, which is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The political division of Mexico consists of 32 \_\_\_\_\_, and the capital Mexico City.
6. Mexico is a country that enjoys an \_\_\_\_\_ level of freedom compared to other countries in the world.
7. Citizens may hold a \_\_\_\_\_ of their choosing, and they must pay \_\_\_\_\_.
8. While the \_\_\_\_\_ does have control of oil and electricity companies, many private businesses are increasing their value in the Mexican economy.
9. There is a large amount of \_\_\_\_\_ in both the government and business sectors. This type of unethical business practice includes government \_\_\_\_\_ (those who want to control the enterprise) and organized \_\_\_\_\_ members.

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### *Section 4: The Economy of Mexico*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Mexico is an example of a Latin American country with a \_\_\_\_\_ economy.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and corporations own most of the businesses and farms in Mexico. The Mexican government does own and operate the \_\_\_\_\_ companies.
3. About 80 percent of the people in Mexico live in \_\_\_\_\_ areas. This allows them to have jobs in \_\_\_\_\_ or service industries.
4. Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1994, manufacturing has \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The long-term goal of the government is to improve \_\_\_\_\_ across the Mexican economy.
6. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operations and Development (OECD), the standard of living has \_\_\_\_\_ for Mexicans in the 21st century.
7. Access to good \_\_\_\_\_, housing, health care, and jobs remains low but has improved.
8. Only 34 percent of adults have completed \_\_\_\_\_ school, and employment is at about 60 percent.
9. The Mexican \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the oldest traded currencies in the world. It came from \_\_\_\_\_ to the New World with the Spanish explorers during the 16th century.



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### *Section 5: US-Mexico Relations*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ region, defined as the 10 US and Mexican states along the international border, represents a combined population of nearly 100 million people and the world's fourth-largest \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Cooperation between the United States and Mexico along the border includes a process for state and local problem-solving, \_\_\_\_\_ planning, and collaboration on resource, \_\_\_\_\_, and health issues.
3. For example, the Executive Steering Committee for 21st Century Border Management works to ensure a modern, \_\_\_\_\_, and efficient border.
4. The United States and Mexico have a long history of cooperation on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ resource issues.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Initiative is a partnership between the United States and Mexico to address \_\_\_\_\_ and crime while strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights.
6. US cooperation with Mexico under the Merida Initiative supports programs to help Mexico train and equip its \_\_\_\_\_, promote a culture of lawfulness, implement key justice reforms, and \_\_\_\_\_ Mexico's borders.
7. US \_\_\_\_\_ relations with Mexico are strong and vital.
8. Mexico is the second-largest market for US \_\_\_\_\_ and the third-largest source of imports.



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9. The United States and Mexico, along with Canada, are partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and enjoy a broad and \_\_\_\_\_ trade relationship.