

# Latin American Journal Project

Creatively design pages for each of the topics below. The pages will be combined to create a Journal for Latin America, which will be turned in at the end of our Latin America unit. You must include a cover page and a table of contents.

Ideas to set up your journal → comic book, Cornell Notes, journal entries, organizational charts, Venn Diagrams, etc as long as the choice is appropriate. Each page should use color and pictures appropriately.

## Geography Pages

1. Physical Map Page
2. Political Map Page
3. Latin American Environmental Issues Page - Air pollution in Mexico City, Oil-related Pollution in Venezuela, and the Destruction of the Amazon Rainforest
4. Comparisons Page: Mexico and Venezuela
5. Comparisons Page: Brazil and Cuba
6. Latin American Culture (Identify where the cultural attribute came from-France, Portugal, Spain, England, etc)

## Historical Pages (You may also include a page for the Timeline of these events)

7. Ancient Latin American Civilizations - Aztecs
8. Ancient Latin American Civilizations - Incas
9. Conquistadors and conquering the New World
10. A descriptive narrative or journal entry written from either the perspective of Cortez, Montezuma, Pizarro, or Atahualpa.
11. Explanation of the Columbian Exchange and the effects.
12. Impact of Spanish and Portuguese on the language and religion
13. Impact of African Slavery on the development of the Americas
14. Independence Movements
15. Cuban Missile Crisis
16. The Zapatista Guerilla Movement

## Government Pages

17. Types of Government and Government Systems Explanation
18. Explanation of Brazilian, Mexican, and Cuban Governments

## Economy Pages

19. Economic Continuum that includes Brazil, Cuba, and other nations that we have already studied.
20. Pros and cons of NAFTA

# Directions for Journal pages

Include important facts that answer all of these five questions that are applicable: When, Where, What, Who, and the Historical Significance (why this topic is important to history and the world). Remember to include pictures and diagrams when applicable. Not all of your journal pages should be set up this way, remember creativity is key! :

## Example 1: Latin America

**Where:** Latin America is mainly located in the southwestern hemisphere.

**What:**

- Latin America is made up of Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean Islands.
- This region is called "Latin America" because the majority of the culture and languages comes from Latin.
- Spanish, French and Portuguese are the main languages spoken in this region, which is why Mexico is included in Latin America. Mexico's culture and language come from Latin. Even though Mexico is a part of North America, its Latin culture links it with the Latin American region.

**Historical Significance:**

- Latin America has played a large role in history throughout the ages.
- Though most of Latin American countries are second and third world countries, Latin America is rich in resources.
- Most significantly, Latin America provides many important crops, oil, and natural resources that are not found anywhere else in the world.

## Example 2: Christopher Columbus

**When:** Late 1400s

**Where:** Spain, Portugal, and the New World

**Who:** Christopher Columbus was an explorer hired by Ferdinand and Isabella. He sailed for Spain during Europe's Industrial Revolution and during the Age of Exploration. Europe needed to find more resources and a faster route to Asia because of the wars/crusades taking place in the Mediterranean Sea.

**Historical Significance:** Christopher Columbus was the one of the first explorers to find the New World, but he didn't know he sailed to a whole new continent. He thought he found a new route to Asia, but he actually found the Bahamas! He's most famous in history for leading the way to finding a new route to India and for helping explore a whole new continent.