

Where do  
people live in  
Latin  
America??

# Mexico- Location

- Northernmost country in Latin America.
- Has coastline on the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea.
  - This is good because there are lots of opportunities for trading around the world.
- Very mountainous terrain
- Land is very dry and only 2% is arable (good for farming)



# Mexico- Climate

- Climate varies, but is mostly dry and Tropical



Chihuahua (Mexican State)



Sierra Madre Mountains



Chiapas (Mexican State)

# Mexico- Population

- Mexico's population is 111 million people.
- Majority of the people choose to live in the major cities in central Mexico, especially Mexico City.
  - Arable farmland & Manufacturing centers
- Mexico City is located in a valley in the Sierra Madre Mountains. Because of the location and large population, air pollution is a very big issue.



# Mexico- Trade

- Has a wide variety of natural resources, especially minerals because of the Sierra Madre Mountains, oil and natural gas.
- Exports \$349.4 billion each year
- Imports \$359.8 billion each year.
- Oil is one of the top exports along with silver, fruits, vegetables, coffee, and cotton. Tourism is also a major industry.
- 7 major seaports

# Venezuela - Location

- Northeast part of South America
- Coastline on Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea
  - Easy access to trade with other countries
- Close to Panama Canal
  - Shortcut to Pacific Ocean to trade with Asian countries
- Some mountains but mostly rainforest.
- Land is 3% arable.





# Venezuela - Climate

- Climate is mostly tropical, but varies depending on elevation.



# Venezuela - Population

- Majority of the population lives in the north in major cities along the coast.
- Population is 28 million.
- 88% urban; 12% rural

# Venezuela - Trade

- Oil Pollution is a major concern because this country has the largest oil reserves in the Western Hemisphere.
- This country mostly trades oil to other countries. This country exports \$96.2 billion each year and imports only \$46.4 billion each year.
- Because of the oil industry, Venezuela has a lot of oil pollution.
- Venezuela has 4 major seaports



# Cuba - Location

- Cuba is an island 90 miles south of Florida,
- Island in the Caribbean Sea.
- It's only 700 miles long.
- Mostly flat
- 28% arable land
- It's location on ocean trading routes has been an important influence on its history and economy.
- Because of the forests in Cuba, Cuba has a deforestation issue.



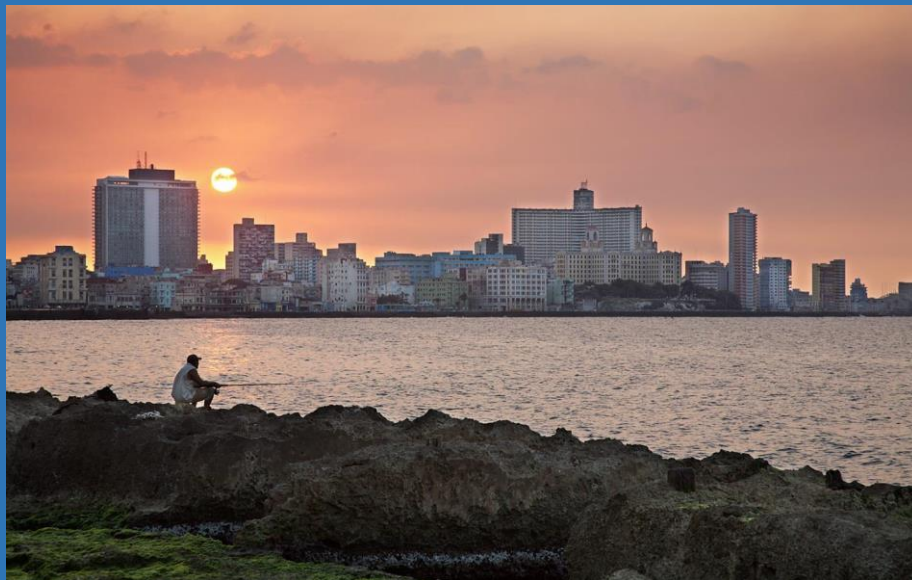
# Cuba - Climate

- Mostly tropical savannah.
  - There are trade winds that provide relief from the heat.
- Cuba is a target for hurricanes.
  - Hurricane season runs from June to November.



# Cuba - Population

- Densely populated because of the size → 11 Million
- Most people live in major cities especially Havana.
- 76% Urban; 24% Rural



# Cuba - Trade

- Has a small variety of natural resources due to its size.
- Most important export is sugar cane.
- Exports \$6.04 billion each year
- Imports \$13.96 billion each year.
- 3 major seaports
- Venezuela is Cuba's largest trading partner.
- Trade from other countries doesn't bring in enough to meet the needs of Cuba's people.
  - Sometimes the government may have to close businesses or have blackouts.





# Brazil- Location

- Largest country in Latin America.
- 4,500 miles of coastline on the Atlantic Ocean
- Home to the Amazon Rainforest and Amazon River
- Borders every country in South America, except Chile and Ecuador



# Brazil- Climate

- Climate is tropical rainforest in the north and central region, but temperate (mild) in the south.



# Brazil- Population

- 191 Million People live in Brazil.
- Majority of the population lives along the coast in major cities, especially in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.
- Most populated country in Latin America.
- It is the largest Portuguese-speaking country in the world.

# Brazil- Trade

- Only 7% of the land is arable
- Exports a lot of timber because of the Amazon Rainforest
- Farmers grow 1/3 of the world's coffee
- Brazil leads the world in production of oranges, papayas, sugar cane and soybeans.
- Exports \$256 billion each year
- Imports \$226.2 billion each year.
- 7 major seaports



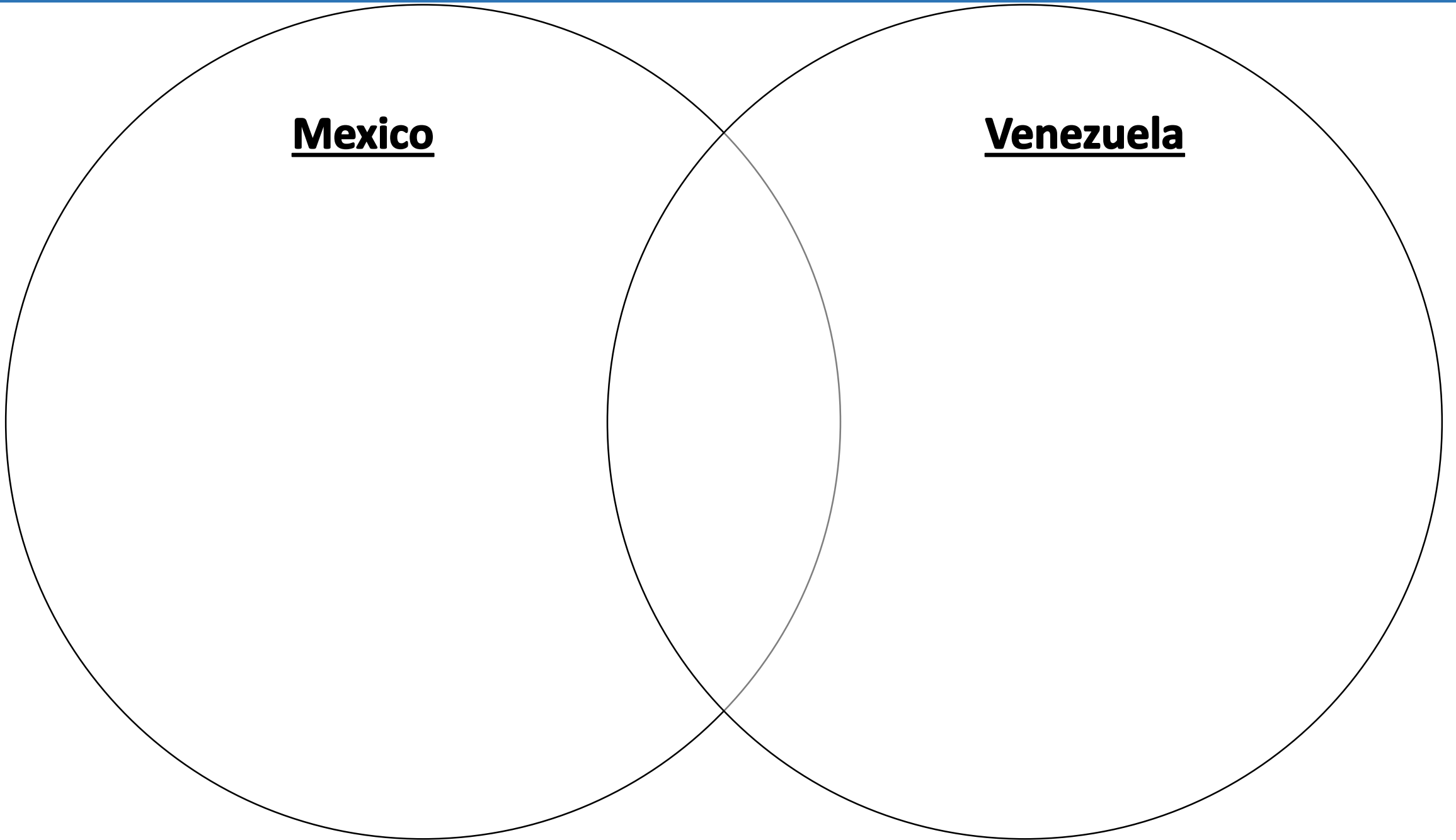
# Coffee Plantation

# Your Task

- Draw two Venn-diagrams under your Where People Live Notes
- Compare and contrast Mexico & Venezuela
- Compare and contrast Brazil & Cuba

**Mexico**

**Venezuela**





**Brazil**

**Cuba**

