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**Latin America History**

**STUDY GUIDE**

1. Define these terms:
   1. Conquistador: **Spanish soldier sent to conquer land**
   2. Columbian Exchange: **exchange of goods, ideas, and people between the New World and the Old World**
   3. Indigenous: **something native to a certain area**
   4. Communism: **political and economic system where everything is controlled by the government**
   5. Guerilla Warfare: **a type of fighting that uses surprise attacks to defeat a stronger army**
   6. Embargo: **a ban on trade with another country**
2. Aztecs
   1. Where was their civilization located?

**Central Mexico**

* 1. What was their capital city?

**Tenochtitlan**

* 1. Who was their final leader?

**Montezuma II**

* 1. Which conquistador defeated them?

**Hernan Cortes (Spain)**

1. Incas
   1. Where was their civilization located?

**West coast of South America (Andes Mountains)**

* 1. What was their capital city?

**Cuzco**

* 1. Who was their final leader?

**Atahualpa**

* 1. Which conquistador defeated them?

**Francisco Pizarro**

1. List 3 reasons that both the Aztecs and Incas were easily defeated.
   1. **Spain had better weapons and horses**
   2. **Diseases like Smallpox killed many native people**
   3. **The Spanish made alliances with their enemies**
2. What was the Columbian Exchange?

**Exchange of goods/people/ideas between the Old World & New World**

* 1. What was brought from Europe to the New World?

**Finished products, diseases, culture, horses, weapons**

* 1. What was brought from the Americas to Europe?

**Natural resources and crops**

1. Miguel Hidalgo
   1. Which country did he help gain their independence?

**Mexico**

* 1. Which European country did he fight against?

**Spain**

* 1. What was his nickname?

**Father of Mexican Independence**

* 1. What was Hidalgo’s job?

**Priest**

1. Toussaint L’Ouverture
   1. Which country did he help gain their independence?

**Haiti (Saint Domingue)**

* 1. Which European country did he fight against?

**France**

* 1. What was Toussaint born as?

**A slave**

1. Simon Bolivar
   1. Which countries did he help liberate?

**Bolivia, Panama, Venezuela, Peru, etc.**

* 1. Which European country did he fight against?

**Spain**

* 1. What was his nickname? Why?

**Liberator- he helped free/liberate so many countries**

1. Who were the Zapatistas? (Who did they fight against and what were they fighting for?)

**Native Americans in Mexico who were angry about poverty and poor standard of living for poor Mexican farmers; protested NAFTA; used guerilla warfare against the Mexican government**

1. Who led the Cuban Revolution?

**Fidel Castro**

1. Which European country supported the communist Cuban government?

**Soviet Union**

1. Which 2 languages are most commonly spoke in Latin America?

**Spanish and Portuguese**

* 1. Why are those languages spoken in Latin America?

**Spain and Portugal colonized most of Latin America**