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Unit 2: Latin America  
Learning Target #2 Textbook Notes

**Learning Target #2:** *I can compare democracy to another form of government. This means that I can compare the types of government in the 4 regions of Latin America, explain the impact of colonialism on governments and cultures of selected countries, and evaluate how conditions, actions, and motivations contribute to conflict and cooperation among groups and nations.*

**Task:** You and your partner need to present information about the government and the history of that government for one Latin America country.

Your selected country is: \_\_\_\_\_. The presentation will occur on: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Your presentation should be short and answer the following questions and include the following information:

**Past Governments of Your Country:**

What peoples first inhabited your country? For example, were they Aztecs, Incas, Mayans or someone else?

What European country took control away from the Native peoples of your country?

Has your country ever experienced a dictator or period of time when the military ruled the country? If so, briefly explain or describe that government.

**The Current Government of Your Country:**

What is the current type of government used by your country?

Who is the current leader of your country?

**Future Challenges Faced by the Current Government of Your Country:**

What are some of the issues or challenges faced by the current government of your country?

**Helpful aids:** Your textbook provides some good basic information about your country's government. In general, here are some textbook sections that deal with Latin America governments in some way.

Mexico	Chapter 4, Section 2.3 (page 130) Reaching Toward Democracy
Haiti	Chapter 5, Section 2.3 (page 156) Paths Toward Independence
Cuba or Puerto Rico	Chapter 5, Section 2.4 (page 158) Comparing Cuba and Puerto Rico
Brazil	Chapter 7, Section 2.5 (page 208) Brazil and the Slave Trade
Argentina, Peru, or Chile	Chapter 8, Section 2.1 (page 222) Comparing Governments

Please note that you may not be able to obtain all of the needed information for this presentation from the textbook. You may need to use additional resources such as CultureGrams. CultureGrams may be found by using the links on the Central Middle Library "Databases" page or at this link:

<http://online.culturegrams.com/>

If needed, use "parkwayhome" to gain access. Use that "word" for both the username and the password.

**Learning Target #2: I can compare democracy to another form of government.**

Complete this chart as other groups present their information.

Latin American Country	Native People	European Country which took over	History of Dictator or Military Rule? (Explain)	Current Government Type (Democratic or Communist?)	Current Leader	Future Challenges
Mexico						
Haiti						
Cuba						
Puerto Rico						
Brazil						
Argentina						
Peru						
Chile						