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Unit 2 – Latin America

The Big Picture

1. Name three major parts or regions that make up Latin America:

- A. Mexico
- B. The Caribbean Islands
- C. Central America
- D. South America

2. What are the four learning targets for this unit?

- A. I can identify the major physical and political features of Latin America.
- B. I can compare democracy to another form of government.
- C. I can compare the economies of Latin America.
- D. I can explain how the human characteristics of Latin America are the same and different.

3. Complete the following chart by defining each vocabulary term.

Coup	A sudden, illegal takeover of a government by use of force
One Resource Economy	A country that only relies on the sales of a single resource such as oil or corn or sugar.
Dictator	A ruler with complete control
Regime	A period of rule or the time that a government is in power
Colonialism	The practice of one country directly ruling and developing trade in a foreign territory for its own benefit
Developed/Developing/Undeveloped Economy	A country's economic status depends on the per capita gross domestic product
Diversity	Another word for variety; also, having many different types of something
Rainforest	A forest with warm temperatures, high humidity, and thick vegetation that receives more than 100 inches of rain per year
Isthmus	A narrow strip of land connecting two large land areas
Archipelago	A chain of islands
Panama Canal	A human-made river that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans together
Communism	A system of government in which a single political party controls the government and the economy