

7 Geography

Unit 3: Latin America

Chapter 9 The Andean Countries

1 Colombia's Culture and Challenges

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Main Idea

Although it has many resources, Colombia faces political and economic unrest.

Objectives

1. Locate Colombia on a map or globe and describe its landforms.
2. Discuss Colombia's economy and the challenges it faces.
3. Describe Colombia's history and people.

Vocabulary

cordillera-

cash crop-

mestizo-

campesino-

1. After whom was Colombia named?
2. What mountain ranges run through Colombia?
3. What other countries are located along the Andes mountain ranges? (5)

Colombia's Landscape

4. How large is Colombia?
5. On what does Colombia have coasts? (2)
6. Where do the Andes rise?
7. What do they become? What does that mean? (2)
8. Where do 80% of Colombia's people live? (2)

9. What spread over lowlands along the Pacific coast? What is true of the region? (2)
10. What is found in the southeast?
11. What happens in the northeast? What are llanos? (2)
12. Where does Colombia lie? What are temperatures like? What fall along the coasts and in the interior plains? (4)
13. What is Colombia's capital and largest city? Where does it lie? (2)
14. What do high temperatures average there? (2)

Colombia's Economic Resources

15. What do the mountains hold? (2)
16. What is true of coal in Colombia?
17. In what is Colombia second only to Brazil?
18. What is found in the lowlands?
19. Of what is the country a major supplier? Of what is Colombia the number one source? (2)
20. What do factories produce? (7)

Agriculture

21. Where does good soil exist for growing a variety of crops? (2)
22. What is the country's major cash crop? For what is Colombian coffee known all over the world? (2)



23. What else does Colombia export? (5)

24. What roam the estancias in the llanos? What valuable resource is supplied by the rain forests? (2)

Economic Challenges

25. What have been a major force in Colombia since the 1980s?

26. What do dealers pay farmers to grow? What drug is made? (2)

27. Where is much of this smuggled? (2)

28. What have drug dealers done with their private armies to government officials who have tried to stop them? (2)

29. What country has tried to support the Colombian government to persuade farmers to grow other crops and to break the power of the drug dealers?

Many historians believe that coffee was “discovered” in Ethiopia, Africa. Eventually, Spanish missionaries brought the first coffee plants to Colombia.

Colombia’s History and People

30. About how many people live in Colombia? What are nearly all Colombians? (2)

31. What language do most Colombians speak? What religion are most Colombians? (2)

32. What was Colombia the first Spanish colony to do? When did this happen? (2)

33. Who led the struggle for independence? What happened in 1819? (2)

34. What countries were included in New Grenada? (4)

35. What type of government does Colombia have today? What has scarred the country’s history, though?

36. What did Colombia suffer during the late 1800s alone? (2)

