

# Latin Cultures

## (Central American Countries)

Fill out the blanks as you learn more about the Central American countries.

### Countries:

- \_\_\_\_\_
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### History:

- \_\_\_\_\_ → 1500 BCE to 1532
  - Contained Central American and more
  - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ empires rule the land
  - Civilizations fell when \_\_\_\_\_ conquistadors arrived
- \_\_\_\_\_ Colonies → Colonies created as the Spanish continued to search for gold and land
- 1821 Independence → Six countries gained independence in 1821
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- Panama broke away from Columbia in \_\_\_\_\_ and Belize negotiated with Great Britain and Guatemala in \_\_\_\_\_ for full independence

### Geography and Climate

- East & West Coasts → humid \_\_\_\_\_ and lowlands
- Mountains & Hills → \_\_\_\_\_ of Central America have either mountains or hills
  - Lots of \_\_\_\_\_ and volcanic eruptions along Pacific coast
    - Creates fertile soil and large populations live there
  - Climate Varies → higher temps on \_\_\_\_\_ and lower temps in \_\_\_\_\_
    - Caribbean side receives \_\_\_\_\_ amount of rainfall than Pacific side

### Language, Religion, Ancestry

- Every country speaks \_\_\_\_\_ except for Belize, who speaks \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ of Central Americans consider themselves Roman Catholics
- \_\_\_\_\_ of Central Americans are mixed European/Native & \_\_\_\_\_ Native