

Section 5: From Past to Present
Latin America: Shaped by Its History

Guided Reading and Review

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 5, answer the following questions in the space provided. If necessary, write your answers on another sheet of paper.

1. What type of groups owned large interests in Latin America's mines and farms during the early 1900s?

2. Why did the United States want to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama?

3. What happened in the 1980s that led Latin American countries to borrow money from wealthy countries such as the United States?

4. Which two organizations agreed to loan Mexico money when it could not repay its foreign debt?

5. What is the purpose of the North American Free Trade Agreement?

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.

6. Many Latin American countries were ruled by _____, or rulers with complete power.
7. Many Latin American countries _____ farm products and minerals.
8. Latin American countries _____ manufactured goods from other countries.
9. Because Latin American countries borrowed money from other countries, they had a large amount of _____.
10. Military _____ in Latin American countries ruled harshly.