South America Today

Chapter 12 Section Three

Economic status of So. Am.

- All of South America's countries are considered ______or middle income countries
- Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, and Venezuela have the ______ economies in So. Am.
- The _______ is growing in all the the countries.

Agriculture in So. America

- Agriculture in So. Am. ranges from subsistence farming to huge commercial farms and ranches.
- Large estates from the colonial period were broken up into small farms called_
- In most countries a few wealthy people own most of the best land
- ______in land ownership is the basis of much poverty and unrest in So. Am.

Commercial Farming in So. Am.

- Market-oriented agriculture is most highly developed in Chile's ______and the area between southern Brazil and northern Argentina
- Brazil produces more ______than any other country in the world.
- Colombia is the world's second largest coffee producer
- Colombia's newest industry is selling ______. The flowers are flown every night to markets around the world. Farmers in Chile's central valley grow fresh ______and _____and _____during So. Americas summer and sell it to the
- U.S. b/c it is our_____. Argentina specializes in producing wheat and beef

Manaus and the Rubber Industry

- Rubber began the development of the Amazon Basin
- The city of ______ lies on the Rio Negro river about 1000 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean
- The town began as a mission in 1669 and remained relatively isolated until the 1800's when the demand for ______ increased dramatically
- The rainforest around Manaus produces lots of rubber and Manaus grew rich from the harvesting and shipping of rubber
- By 1920 the rubber boom was over because of cheaper sources developed in_____

Deforestation in the Amazon

- Other resources from the rainforest include hardwood trees and ______which is in demand for ranching
- has expanded into the Amazon Basin
- Development in the Amazon has a downside
- About _______square miles of rainforest are cleared every year
- Deforestation threatens both the unique plant and animal life and the way of life of the indigenous people of the Amazon Basin

Industry in South America

- Most So. Am. factories produce food items, consumer goods, or building materials for local markets.
- Larger countries produce cars, trucks and airplanes
- Workers assemble export products such as clothing and small appliances_
- Sometimes industry is forced to ______all the parts and raw materials needed for manufacturing which limits profits Industry provides jobs and training leading to better jobs in more advanced industries

	Mercosur
-	Cooperation among the countries of So. Am. leads to
-	The countries in the southern part of So. America have formed a trade organization called
-	In Spanish Mercosur means Southern Common Market
	The purpose of Mercosur is to expand trade, improve, and reduce among member nations

Full members include Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay

Urban Life

- In most So. American countries the leading cities are huge in comparison to other cities
 - _____of Chile's people now live in or around Santiago
- Nearly 1/3 of Peru's people now live in_____
- The cities grow as people move there from the countryside looking for jobs.

Push and Pull Factors

- Both push and pull factors are at work in the migration process in So. America
 - Rural poverty and limited good land push people away from their small farms
 - The prospect of a good job and a better way of life pulls them to the____
 - Life in the city is often just as hard as it is in the villages
 - have few skills needed for the modern workplace
 - The urban poor live in huge slums that surround major cities called_____
- The favela in ______is home to 25% of Rio's people

Issues and Challenges

- Overall So. American governments have become more_
- Many So. Americans are poor.
 - In some countries high birthrates make development even harder
- A growing population, lack of resources and concern for the environment all create challenges for South America
- Much of the Amazon Rainforest may disappear over the next 100 years because large parts of the forest are being cleared
 - is a challenge to the environment
- The loss of soil nutrients has reduced the usefulness of large areas in Brazil where ______reduces soil fertility

Border Disputes

- _____also cause conflict
- Many So. Am countries have been involved in border disputes over areas that contain______
- 1880's Bolivia and Peru list land and mineral resources to Chile. Bolivia became a ______ country as a result.
- Ecuador and Peru still dispute parts of their common border as do Venezuela and Guyana

Terrorism

____is the use of fear and violence as a political force,

- Armed terrorists in Colombia often scare people away from voting places and control large parts of the country
- Much of the terrorism is the result of the drug trade
- use their money to support private armies and bribe or assassinate politicians and judges
- Bolivia and Peru also have terrorism problems.

