Guided Reading Activity

Andes and Midlatitude Countries

Lesson 2  History of the Region

Essential Question: Why do civilizations rise and fall?

Early History and Conquest

Directions: Complete the time line with information about the early history and Spanish conquests of the Andean and midlatitude regions.

Independent States

Directions: Use your textbook to fill in the blanks.

1. In the early 1800s, people in many parts of the world were struggling for __________________. In South America, two _________________ leaders led the fight against Spanish rule. Their names were ________________ and _________________.

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2. Despite gaining independence, South America continued to experience _____________ and _____________ hardships. There was no sense of _____________ among the people or nations and the landscape made _____________ difficult. The new countries didn’t know how to _____________ themselves and the _____________ was distributed unevenly between rich and poor.

3. Several countries fought over _____________ and _____________. This led to loss of life and weakened the countries’ _____________.

History of the Region in the Modern Era

Directions: Answer the questions about the Andean countries and midlatitude states during the late 1800s and 1900s.

1. What were some of the economic challenges faced by the countries of the region?

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2. What happened to workers and farmers as the economies expanded and profits grew for wealthy landowners?

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3. How did President Juan Perón help the people of Argentina?

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4. Why were many people in Argentina dissatisfied with Perón?

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5. How did the military government that came after Perón try to suppress unrest?

6. Who did the people of Chile elect as president in 1970?

7. How did Allende try to reform Chile?

8. How did the upper class respond to Allende’s reforms?

9. Who led Chile after Allende?

10. How have things changed in the region in recent years?