

Section 3: Resources and Land Use  
Latin America: Physical Geography

## Guided Reading and Review

### A. As You Read

**Directions:** As you read Section 3, fill in the table below, listing three main resources for each region.

Natural Resources of Latin America by Region	
Region	Major Resource(s)
Mexico	1. oil and natural gas 2. trees 3. minerals (silver, gold, copper, coal, iron ore)
Central America	4. water (hydroelectricity) 5. fish-shellfish 6. cash crops (coffee, cotton, sugar cane, bananas, cacao)
The Caribbean	7. minerals (bauxite, nickel) 8. oil 9. cash crops (sugar cane, coffee, bananas, cacao, citrus fru
South America	10. minerals (gold, copper, tin, bauxite, iron ore) 11. fish and plants 12. cash crops (coffee, sugar cane, cotton, rice, wheat)

### B. Key Terms

**Directions:** In the blanks provided below, write sentences that use each pair of key terms.

13. natural resources and hydroelectricity

One of Central America's natural resources is an abundance of water which enables countries to produce hydroelectricity.

14. one-resource economy and diversify

Many countries have learned that instead of having a one-resource economy they need to diversify in order to improve their economic outlook.