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| World Geography | |
| Chapter 10 | Vocabulary- modified |
| word | definition |
| Spanish conquest | |
| Tenochtitlan | the ancient Aztec capital, site of Mexico City today |
| Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) | |
| mestizo | |
| maquiladoras | a factory in Mexico that assembles imported materials into finished goods for export |
| NAFTA | North American Free Trade Agreement |
| cultural hearth | |
| United Provinces of Central America | the name of Central America after the region declared independence from Mexico |
| Panama Canal | a ship canal cut through Panama connecting the Caribbean Sea with the Pacific Ocean |
| calypso | a style of music that began in Trinidad and combines musical elements from Africa, Spain, and the Caribbean |
| reggae | |
| informal economy | |
| Inca | |
| Quechua | language of the Inca overshadowed by Spanish |
| Mercosur | |

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| Treaty of Tordesillas | a treaty between Spain and Portugal in 1494 that gave portugal control over the land that is present-day Brazil |
| Carnival | the most colorful feast day in Brazil |
| samba | |
| capoeira | |