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Latin American Revolutions Activity

1: Background on Latin America

1. What ideas of the French inspired Latin Americans?
2. Define each of the following social classes in Latin America.

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| Peninsulares- |  |
| Creoles- |  |
| Mestizos- |  |
| Mulattos- |  |
| Native Americans- |  |

2: The Divisions in Spanish Colonial Society in 1789

1. Which two groups made up the vast majority of the population in Spanish America?
2. Based on the graph, what was one possible reason that creoles felt resentful of the privileges of the peninsulares?

3: Haitian Revolution

1. Describe the population of Saint Domingue.
2. Toussaint L’Ouverture-
3. Explain how the black population gained their independence.

4: Haitian Revolution Sources

1. As you have read, the French Revolution inspired Latin American revolutions. Based upon the excerpt from the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen, how do you think this document impacted the people of Haiti to revolt?
2. Examine the 2 population charts. What do they tell you about the population of the colony when the revolution began?

Why is this significant?

1. Looking at the image on the right. Why do you think this revolution was so violent? (hint: think about other revolutions (American and French) and their levels of violence)

5: Napoleon’s Impact on Latin America

1. How did Napoleon’s control of Spain impact Spanish colonies in the Americas?
2. Do you think a revolution would have begun in the Spanish colonies without this change in Spain? Why or why not?

6: The Libertadores End Spanish Rule

1. Simon Bolivar-
2. Jose San Martin-
3. What Latin American nations/regions does Bolivar led to independence?
4. What is San Martin’s role in Latin American independence?
5. Which liberator do you feel is most important? Why?
6. Simón Bolívar became disillusioned with Latin America’s chaos after independence. Before his death in 1830, he commented bitterly: “Those who worked for South American independence have plowed the sea.” What do you think he meant by this statement?

7: Enlightenment Impacts Latin America

1. How did Bolivar’s travels impact his quest for Latin American independence?
2. What recent events in today’s world could be compared to Simón Bolívar’s movement for Latin American independence?

8: Mexico’s Independence

1. Who led the road to Mexican independence? How is this unique?
2. Explain the “cry of Delores.”
3. Did the creoles and mestizos fight on the same side during the war? When?

Why?

9: Brazil’s Royal Liberator

1. How was Brazil’s independence unique from other Latin American independence movements?
2. Why did the royals from Portugal move to Brazil?

What was the impact of this movement?

1. When Brazil declared independence, the new ruler was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10: Overview

1. Think about the background of many creole revolutionaries. What do you think might have been their tendencies as government leaders: toward democracy or authoritarianism? Explain your answer.