

CHAPTER 10

**Chapter Tutorial
Mexico**

IDENTIFYING TERMS Choose the term that correctly matches each definition.

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| _____ 1. isthmus | a. Spanish conquerors |
| _____ 2. conquistadores | b. people of mixed European and Indian ancestry |
| _____ 3. plaza | c. narrow strip of land connecting two larger land areas |
| _____ 4. mestizos | d. special factories |
| _____ 5. maquiladores | e. open space in front of a church |

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

1. Identify the three mountain ranges that border the Mexican Plateau.

2. Why is it that the majority of Mexicans today are mestizos?

3. How is Mexican family life changing?

4. Identify some of the leading industries found today in Mexico City.

5. What are some of the important challenges facing the country of Mexico today?

Chapter 10 Tutorial, continued

THINKING CRITICALLY

1. Drawing Conclusions Why is it that the Yucatán has few rivers even though the area has a humid climate?

2. Summarizing How were the Spanish conquistadores able to conquer the Aztec Empire?

3. Evaluating Why can it be said that southern Mexico is Mexico's most traditional region?

EXPLORING INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS

1. Government What was government in Mexico like after the Mexican Revolution?

2. Economics How has the signing of NAFTA affected the Mexican economy?

WRITING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Creating Imagine that you work for an advertising agency hired to create travel brochures for each of Mexico's four regions. Choose one of the regions and create a travel brochure for that region that includes both text and illustrations.