

CHAPTER 11

Chapter Tutorial

Central America and the Caribbean

IDENTIFYING TERMS Choose the term that correctly matches each definition.

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| _____ 1. mangrove | a. term that means “native” |
| _____ 2. bauxite | b. blends African traditions and Christian beliefs |
| _____ 3. indigenous | c. person with both European and African ancestors |
| _____ 4. mulatto | d. trees whose roots grow in salt water |
| _____ 5. Santería | e. ore from which aluminum is made |

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

1. What physical process is responsible for the many islands that are found in the Lesser Antilles?

2. Why is it correct to say that the legacy of the colonial past continues in Central America?

3. Why is it that Costa Rica has the highest standard of living in the region?

4. Explain why the term West Indies is used to describe the islands of the Caribbean region.

5. What is the relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States?

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THINKING CRITICALLY

1. Categorizing How are climates in the region affected by the presence of mountains?

2. Finding the Main Idea What country built the Panama Canal? Why has the canal been an important economic resource?

3. Analyzing Information Why do economists regard Honduras as the region's least developed country?

EXPLORING INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS

1. Foreign Language What is creole? How is Papiamentu related to creole?

2. Economics How does Cuba's economy differ from the economies of the other countries in the Caribbean?

WRITING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Informing Imagine that you work for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which carries out the laws regarding the entrance of foreigners into the United States. Write a memo to your boss that explains the high rate of emigration from some Caribbean islands.