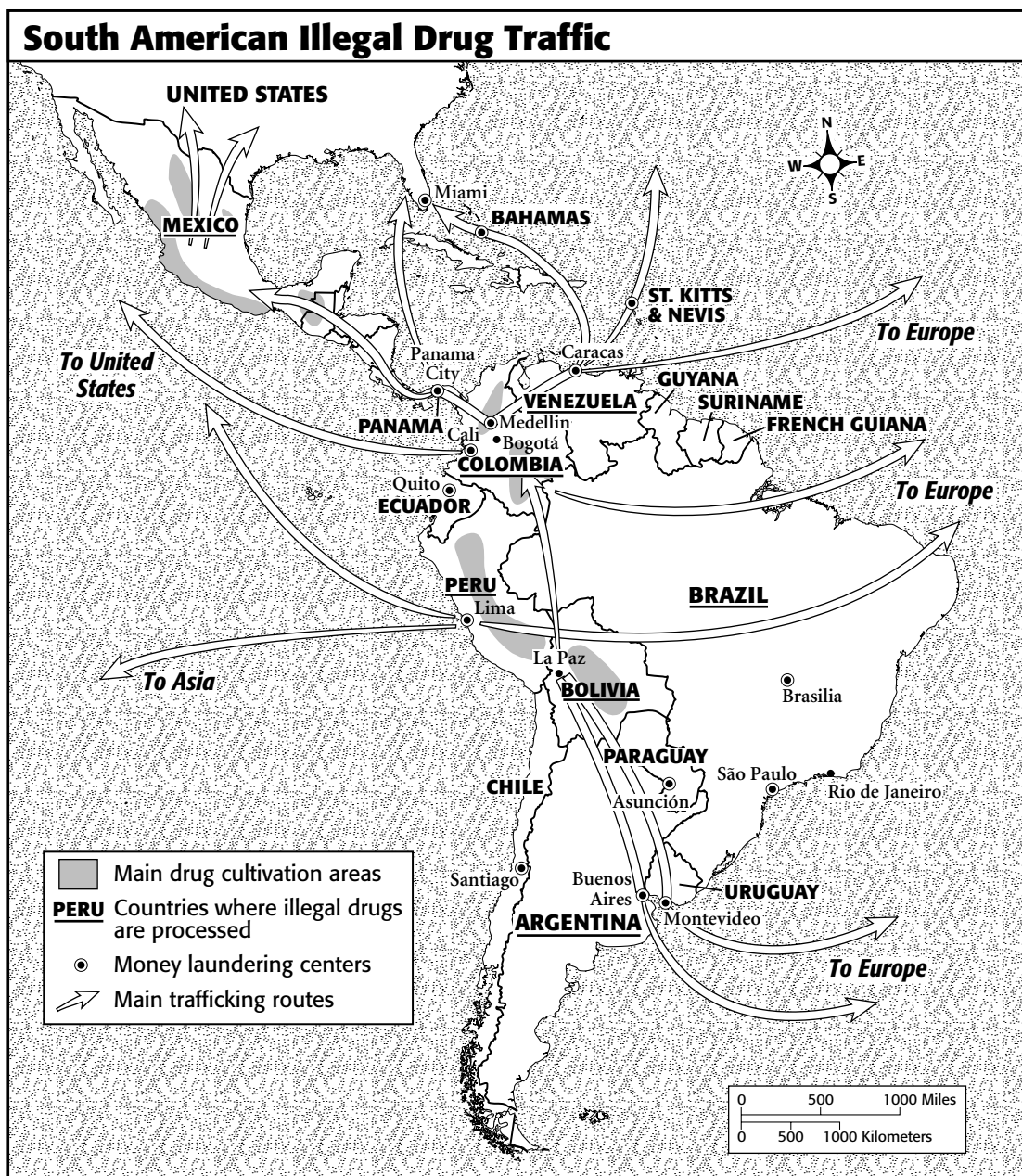


CHAPTER 12

Map Activity

Drug Traffic

Drug trafficking is a major problem in Latin America. Large quantities of cocaine and marijuana come from South America and are shipped by various routes to markets in Europe, the United States, and Asia. Profits from illegal drug sales are “laundered” by funneling the money through legal enterprises. The map below shows drug producing areas, money laundering centers, and trafficking routes. Examine the map, then answer the questions on the following page.



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1. Where are the main illegal drug cultivation areas in South America? What other parts of Latin America are shown as major illegal drug producing regions?

2. Where are illegal drugs processed? Which South American countries are not shown as illegal drug processors?

3. Where do the trafficking routes begin? Where do most of them go?

4. What cities or sites are marked as money laundering centers?

5. **Critical Thinking: Place/Movement** How does the map underscore some of the challenges in ending the illegal drug traffic? What makes stopping the traffic so difficult?

ACTIVITY The United States and other developed countries often blame the drug-producing countries, like Colombia, for the serious illegal drug-traffic epidemic. But the traffic would not exist without a market in the consuming countries. Who bears the responsibility for drug trafficking? What can be done about it? Discuss the issues with a group of classmates and come up with ideas to end the illegal drug traffic.