

Latin America Quiz

A quiz of three rounds played in teams of three or more adults.
Total points: 50

Round One: Geography

1. This desert in Chile is believed to be the driest place in the world. Can you name it?
(Atacama)
2. Which river flows for 1,500 miles through Venezuela and partly defines the border with Colombia?
(Orinoco)
3. About 97 percent of this nation's population is of European descent. Which is it?
(Argentina)
4. What is the name of the highest waterfall in the world, which can be found in Venezuela?
(Angel Falls)
5. What is the average yearly rainfall of the Amazon river basin?
(150 inches)
6. Which popular English garden flower is native to Latin America?
(Petunia)
7. The Galapagos Islands are part of what Latin American nation?
(Ecuador)
8. Lake Titicaca crosses the border between Bolivia and which other Latin American country?
(Peru)
9. Through which South American capital city does the equator pass?
(Quito, Ecuador)

Total possible points: 9

Round Two: History

1. What was the fabled city of gold that some 16th-century Europeans believed existed in South America?
(El Dorado)
2. This hero helped Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru achieve their independence from their colonial rulers. Who was he?
(Simon Bolivar)
3. Who was the president of Chile who was killed during a coup by the army in 1973?
(Salvador Allende)
4. The Chaco War of 1932-1935 was fought over oil rights in the area known as the Gran Chaco. Which countries were involved in this war?
(Bolivia and Paraguay)
5. What was the name of the German warship that docked for repairs in the neutral port of Montevideo in 1939 and was forced to leave by international law 72 hours later? The events were later depicted in the Powell and Pressburger film *The Battle of the River Plate*.
(Admiral Graf Spee)
6. In what year was Dom Pedro proclaimed Emperor of Brazil as the country formally became independent of Portugal?
(1822)

7. Which Inca site in Peru was 'discovered' in 1911 by American Hiram Bingham?
(Machu Picchu)

8. Where did Eva Duarte meet widower Colonel Juan Peron?
(At a charity concert to raise funds for the victims of the San Juan earthquake.)

9. Who am I? A shoemaker by trade, but a revolutionary by vocation I was known as the 'Red Phantom' because I repeatedly avoided capture and even survived my own execution.
(Miguel Mármol)

10. In what year did Fidel Castro, reacting to negative worldwide press, announce that anyone who wanted to leave Cuba should gather at the Peruvian emabassy?
(1980)

Total possible points: 11

Round Three: Culture

1. Which country in Latin America has the most Nobel Prize winners?
(Argentina)

2. The potato came to the rest of the world from which Latin American country?
(Peru)

3. The equivalent of the American cowboy is called a *gaucho* in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. What is he called in Venezuela?
(Llanero)

4. In which country does the football team Santos play?
(Brazil)

5. What activity is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors?
(Duelling)

6. What is the name of the family at the centre of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude*?
(Buendia)

7. The Carnival in Montevideo is the longest in the world. How long do the celebrations last?
(One month)

8. In 1999 this musician won a record-tying 8 Grammys, including the Album of the Year Award. Name the musician.
(Carlos Santana)

9. She was one of the foremost poets to come out of Puerto Rico in the first half of the 20th century. Modern critics believe that her poetry anticipated the work of feminist writers and poets as well as that of other Hispanic authors. Who is she?
(Julia de Burgos)

10. Which Latin dance is Carmen Miranda most closely associated with?
(Samba)

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