

Country Location Clues

Use place relationships to locate key countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

SS6G1.b "Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, and Panama."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each of these country names: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, and Panama. Circle words that tell where a country is located, such as north, east, west, south, or along an ocean. Teacher: supply readable world and Latin America and Caribbean political-physical maps with the passage places labeled and a key.

Following Location Clues

- ① Latin America stretches from Mexico south through Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. Mexico is in North America, north of Guatemala and Belize. South of Mexico, the narrow land bridge of Central America connects North and South America. Panama lies at Central America's southern end. It borders Costa Rica to the west and Colombia to the east. The Caribbean Sea lies north of Panama, while the Pacific Ocean lies south and west of it. This position makes Panama an important crossing place between the two continents.
- ② Colombia is in northwestern South America. It has coastlines on the Caribbean Sea to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Brazil, the largest country in South America, lies east and southeast of Colombia. Brazil reaches far across the continent and has an Atlantic Ocean coastline. Chile is a long, narrow country along South America's western edge. The Pacific Ocean is west of Chile, and Argentina is east of much of Chile. Chile also extends far south.
- ③ Cuba is an island country in the Caribbean Sea. It lies south of Florida in the United States and east of Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula. Cuba is not part of Central or South America, but it is part of the Latin America and Caribbean region. On a political map, country borders and names help you identify Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Brazil, Chile, and Cuba. On a physical map, coastlines, oceans, and the narrow shape of Chile help you check each location.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which country is at the southern end of Central America, west of Colombia?

2 Which country is in northwestern South America and has coastlines on both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean?

3 Name the South American country east and southeast of Colombia. Then name the long, narrow country on South America's western edge.

4 Where is Cuba located in relation to Florida and Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use the world map to locate North and South America. On the regional maps, point to Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Panama for your teacher. Check borders and coasts. Then write three sentences naming all six countries with at least three location words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each of these country names: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, and Panama. Circle words that tell where a country is located, such as north, east, west, south, or along an ocean. Teacher: supply readable world and Latin America and Caribbean political-physical maps with the passage places labeled and a key. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country is at the southern end of Central America, west of Colombia?	Panama.
2	Which country is in northwestern South America and has coastlines on both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean?	Colombia.
3	Name the South American country east and southeast of Colombia. Then name the long, narrow country on South America's western edge.	Brazil is east and southeast of Colombia. Chile is on South America's western edge.
4	Where is Cuba located in relation to Florida and Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula?	Cuba is south of Florida and east of Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Start with Mexico in North America, then find Panama at the southern end of Central America. In South America, locate Colombia in the northwest, Brazil east of Colombia, and Chile along the western edge. Find Cuba in the Caribbean Sea, south of Florida and east of Mexico.

Accept any accurate three-sentence location guide that names all six countries and uses at least three clear location words. Location relationships may be stated in a different order. Observe both continents and all six actual country positions; use the passage and sample relationships to check each one. Record accuracy and help given. Written clues alone do not demonstrate map use.