

Chapter 30: The Americas in an Age of Independence Student Notes

The United States

1. What was Manifest Destiny and how did that attitude impact the U.S.?
2. Why did the Cherokee Nation form? What happened to it?
3. What was the “reservation” policy of the U.S.? How did the Natives react?
4. Describe the American assimilation policy.
5. How did America interact with her neighbors?

Canada

6. What two major divisions existing in Canada? What kept them united?
7. How/why did Canada gain independence?

Latin America

8. Why did Latin America have frequent revolutions?
9. Who were the caudillos? How/why did they keep power?

Mexico

10. Mexico continuously moved back and forth between a republic and a dictatorship. Who was the most famous dictator? What did he do (besides be a dictator)?
11. Describe the philosophy and impact of La Reforma.

Industrialization and Migration

12. How did the Americas industrialize? How did industrialization impact the Americas?
13. Why did people migrate? What did they do when they arrived in the Americas?
14. What different kinds of migrants were there?
15. How did migration change society at home?
16. What is an ethnic enclave? What roles do they play?
17. What is xenophobia? Why is it prevalent in nearly every society that has immigrants?
18. How were immigrants treated? How did xenophobic fears affect policy?