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Mexico is currently the world's leading producer of which of the following commodities, the large-scale production of which dates back to the 1540s?

- A) Silver
- B) Gold
- C) Copper
- D) Petroleum

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From which of the following did Panama declare independence in 1903?

- A) Venezuela
- B) Spain
- C) USA
- D) Colombia

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Oscar Niemeyer designed which of the following new Latin American capital cities in the mid-twentieth century?

- A) Mexico City
- B) Brasilia
- C) Quito
- D) Bogota

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Which of the following is the name given to the decade-long civil war in Colombia in the mid-twentieth century?

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- A) the Gran Chaco War
 - B) the Colombian War for Independence
 - C) La Violencia
 - D) the Peasant's Revolt

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Alberto Korda took the famous image Guerillero Heroico, popular on t-shirts in America, of which of the following revolutionaries?

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- A) Che Guevara
 - B) Raul Corrales Fornos
 - C) Liborio Noval
 - D) Osvaldo Salas

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The bracero program encouraged Mexican immigration to America to fill a labor shortage caused by which of the following 20th century conflicts?

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- A) the Civil War
 - B) the Korean War
 - C) World War II
 - D) World War I

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The Cisplatine War between the Empire Brazil and the United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata resulted in the creation of which of the following independent nations?

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- A) Argentina
 - B) Brazil
 - C) Uruguay
 - D) Paraguay

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Evo Morales became the first president of his country of indigenous ancestry when elected in 2006 as leader of what nation?

- A) Nicaragua
- B) Bolivia
- C) Honduras
- D) Guatemala

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Thousands of Mexican nationals were suddenly living in US territories after which of the following ended the Mexican-American War?

- A) the Treaty of Paris of 1783
- B) the Treaties of Velasco
- C) the Treaty of Cahuenga
- D) the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

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The Delano grape strike to protest poor pay and working conditions resulted in the creation of which of the following labor unions?

- A) Agricultural Workers of America
- B) United Farm Workers
- C) Service Industry Workers Union
- D) American Farm Workers Association

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The Broken Column depicts the braces that what Mexican artist wore to treat injuries she sustained in a car crash at the age of 18?

- A) Frida Kahlo
- B) Aurora Flores
- C) Graciela Iturbide
- D) Remedios Varo

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Which of the following is the current president of Venezuela?

- A) Hugo Chavez
- B) Nicolas Maduro
- C) Raul Castro
- D) Jair Bolsonaro

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Which of the following was a huge center for silver mining in the Spanish Empire?

- A) Havana, Cuba
- B) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- C) Potosi, Bolivia
- D) Bogota, Colombia

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Ecuador seized the Galapagos Islands from which of the following empires in 1832?

- A) Spain
- B) France
- C) Britain
- D) Portugal

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Which of the following is the only South American country to list English as an official language?

- A) Guyana
- B) Suriname
- C) Brazil
- D) Colombia

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Dilma Rousseff was the first woman to serve as president of which of the following nations?

- A) Cuba
- B) Mexico
- C) Panama
- D) Brazil

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Peru was the first South American country to establish diplomatic relations and allow immigration from which of the following?

- A) Great Britain
- B) the Soviet Union
- C) Japan
- D) the United States

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The Monroe Doctrine opposed which of the following practices in the Americas by European nations?

- A) slavery
- B) colonialism
- C) economic exploitation
- D) trade

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Which of the following is the first Latinx woman to serve on the Supreme Court?

- A) Sandra Day O'Connor
- B) Amy Coney Barrett
- C) Sonya Sotomayor
- D) Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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The Spanish ceded their claim to the Bahamas to Great Britain in what 1783 treaty that also ended the American Revolution?

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- A) the Treaty of Washington
 - B) the Treaty of London
 - C) the Treaty of Amsterdam
 - D) the Treaty of Paris

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According to their mythology, the sun god Huitzilopochtli led which of the following peoples from their homeland into Central Mexico?

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- A) Aztec
 - B) Maya
 - C) Toltecs
 - D) Olmecs

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All of these were included in the winning Triple Alliance that gained disputed land at the culmination of their namesake war EXCEPT which of the following?

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- A) Uruguay
 - B) Argentina
 - C) Brazil
 - D) Paraguay

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Operation Urgent Fury saw the US invade what small Caribbean nation in 1983?

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- A) Cuba
 - B) Barbados
 - C) Grenada
 - D) Trinidad

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The United States fought what war in part to aid Cuba in obtaining independence?

- A) the Mexican-American War
- B) the Spanish-American War
- C) the Ragamuffin War
- D) World War I

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Which of the following is a Brazilian river and tributary of the Amazon explored by and named for a former US president?

- A) Rio Bush
- B) Rio Roosevelt
- C) Rio Taft
- D) Rio Kennedy

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The Mexican-American War was sparked by an assertion of the Republic of Texas that their southern border was defined by which of the following?

- A) the Nueces River
- B) the Colorado River
- C) the Rio Grande River
- D) the Pecos River

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The Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional first came to power in which of the following countries after ousting the Somoza dynasty?

- A) Nicaragua
- B) El Salvador
- C) Guatemala
- D) Panama

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Which of the following was the first Latin American country to host the Olympics?

- A) Mexico
- B) Argentina
- C) Chile
- D) Brazil

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Which of the following was the birthplace of revolutionary Simon Bolivar and where he led the Admirable Campaign in 1813?

- A) Bolivia
- B) Venezuela
- C) Columbia
- D) Ecuador

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Which of the following was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature while serving as the Chilean ambassador to France?

- A) Pablo Neruda
- B) Vicente Huidobro
- C) Gabriela Mistral
- D) Pablo de Rokha

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Which of the following Caribbean islands was home to the Windward and Leeward maroon societies of runaway slaves?

- A) Dominica
- B) Saint Lucia
- C) Haiti
- D) Jamaica

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Which of the following best describes the Plan of Iguala proclamation given in the last stages of the Mexican War for Independence?

- A) It established Mexican independence from Spain
- B) It set the foundation for a constitutional monarchy and promised equal rights
- C) It established a federal republic in Mexico with a constituent congress
- D) It promised religious and economic freedom under a new Constitution

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Which of the following political systems was established in Paraguay under Jose Rodriguez Francia following its independence in 1811?

- A) federal republic
- B) representative democracy
- C) dictatorship
- D) socialist theocracy

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The flag of which of the following countries was designed by revolutionary Manuel Belgrano to represent the parting of clouds at liberation?

- A) Uruguay
- B) Ecuador
- C) Argentina
- D) Chile

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Three of the dissident Mirabal sisters were assassinated for their resistance to which of the following dictators of Dominican Republic?

- A) Rafael Trujillo
- B) Manuel Troncoso de la Concha
- C) Jacinto Peynado
- D) Hector Camacho

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The term Olmec is derived from a native word for which of the following products its namesake civilization produced?

- A) stone
- B) jade
- C) rubber
- D) pottery

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Which of the following best explains the purpose of the Social Guarantees passed in Costa Rica?

- A) they end the racial segregation that confined black Costa Ricans to specific provinces
- B) they grant women the right to vote
- C) they provide the protection of individual privacy rights under law
- D) they are a set of progressive political reforms including Social Security

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Which of the following best describes Brazilian quilombos?

- A) Evangelical reformers focused on abolition
- B) Maroon societies of escaped slaves
- C) Former indentured servants who bought their manumission
- D) Guilds in which slaves pooled money to support each other's manumission

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Which of the following conflicts was a result of growing racial tensions in Los Angeles furthered by circumstantial convictions for the Sleepy Lagoon murders?

- A) the Watts riots
- B) the Zoot Suit riots
- C) the Los Angeles riots
- D) the Chicano Moratorium riot

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Latin American farm workers are vital to the coffee and pineapple industries of which of the following US states that has suffered chronic labor shortages for the last several decades?

- A) Hawaii
- B) Florida
- C) California
- D) Georgia

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Which of the following 20th century Colorado Party leaders was supported by the US due to his anti-communist agenda in Paraguay?

- A) Andres Rodriguez
- B) Tomas Romero
- C) Federico Chavez
- D) Alfredo Stroessner

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Mexican women achieved suffrage in which of the following decades?

- A) 1930s
- B) 1940s
- C) 1950s
- D) 1960s

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Which of the following cities was host to an 1822 meeting between Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin over the fate of an independent Ecuador?

- A) Quito
- B) Guayaquil
- C) Cuenca
- D) Portoviejo

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Which of the following best describes the motivations of the 1870s Argentine campaign Conquest of the Desert?

- A) To establish dominance over Patagonia and banish resistant indigenous tribes
- B) To quiet Mapuche opposition to incorporate the Araucania region
- C) To reclaim Chincha from Spanish seizure
- D) To settle border disputes with Chile and Bolivia over the Atacama Plateau

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Latin American countries instigated which of the following agreements in hopes of encouraging free trade between Latin America and Asia?

- A) the Pacific Alliance
- B) the G3 Free Trade Agreement
- C) the Latin American Integration Association
- D) the Southern Common Market

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Which of the following is a cultural practice NOT shared by the Maya and Aztec peoples?

- A) The ritual ball game which honored the gods and involved human sacrifice
- B) The use of a long count calendar to track harvests and religious ceremonies
- C) The creation of codices on bark-paper for keeping records and histories
- D) The development of a number system including the concept of zero

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Which of the following Supreme Court decisions regarding a Mexican-American plaintiff explicitly extended 14th amendment protections to all racial groups?

- A) Miranda v. Arizona
- B) Hernandez v. Texas
- C) Lopez v. New York
- D) Mendez v. Westminster

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Which of the following is the primary cause of Spanish colonizers introducing African slave labor alongside native labor in Bolivia?

- A) Abolition of the mita system in Spanish colonies
- B) Decreased need for agricultural labor to meet growing demand for cash crops
- C) Lack of resistance to European disease in Bolivian native populations
- D) Dwindling indigenous populations due to revolution and migration

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Which of the following best describes the 1494 Treaty of Tordesillas?

- A) It granted all land south of the Canary Islands to Portugal
- B) It defined the borders between Spanish South America and English territory
- C) It established a line of demarcation dividing the New World between Spain and Portugal
- D) It defined spheres of Portuguese and Spanish influence in Asia

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Which of the following best describes the effects of the restrictive 1924 National Origins Act on Mexican immigration to the US?

- A) Mexican immigration slowed because immigration quotas were placed on Latin American countries
- B) Mexican immigration halted completely because Mexicans were barred from entry to the United States
- C) Illegal Mexican immigration increased while legal immigration stopped almost entirely
- D) Mexican immigration increased because there were no limits placed on immigration from the Western Hemisphere

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A 2018 international tribunal reversed a 2011 decision that faulted which of the following for dumping toxic waste in Ecuador?

- A) Apple
- B) Chevron
- C) Tesla
- D) Ford

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Which of the following political parties held power in Mexico for the longest uninterrupted period in the 20th century?

- A) the Institutional Revolution Party (PRI)
- B) the National Action Party (PAN)
- C) the Democratic Revolution Party (PRD)
- D) the National Regeneration Movement (MRN)

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European genocide of indigenous groups in Uruguay culminated with the 1831 murder of Charrua men in which of the following incidents?

- A) the Massacre of Salsipuedes
- B) the Kalinago Genocide
- C) the Arauco War
- D) the War of Seven Reductions

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Which of the following was elected “magistrate” by the pirates of Nassau in the 18th century?

- A) “Calico” Jack Rackham
- B) Benjamin Hornigold
- C) Sam Bellamy
- D) Edward “Blackbeard” Teach

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Which of the following best describes the purpose of the UN-created Truth Commission for El Salvador?

- A) To facilitate peace talks to end the Salvadoran Civil War between the government and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front
- B) To investigate the crimes committed during the Salvadoran Civil War
- C) To purge military officers accused of corruption and the violation of human rights during the Salvadoran Civil War
- D) To grant land to eligible former Salvadoran guerillas and soldiers under the mandated transfer program

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Martin Luis Guzman recorded his Mexican Revolution experiences in a biographical memoir of which of the following revolutionaries?

- A) Emiliano Zapata
- B) Pascual Orozco
- C) Pancho Villa
- D) Victoriano Huerta

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Which of the following is NOT true of Belize?

- A) The People's United Party is its current governing party
- B) Its former namesake capital was wiped out by Hurricane Hattie in 1961
- C) Its highest point is Victoria Peak in the Maya Mountains
- D) It is the only English speaking nation in Latin America

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Which of the following is NOT true of the thirteen-year period in which Brazil held the seat of the Portuguese empire?

- A) The Portuguese Crown fled to Brazil initially due to a Napoleonic invasion of Portugal
- B) The Portuguese monarchy returned to Lisbon immediately after French withdrawal from the Iberian Peninsula
- C) Portuguese mercantilist restrictions on manufacturing and trading on Brazil were lifted
- D) The Portuguese made Brazil coequal with a designation of a united kingdom of all Portuguese dominions

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Which of the following is the justification for administration of US territories like Puerto Rico without the extension of full US constitutional rights to its populations?

- A) the Insular Cases
- B) the Jones Act
- C) the Foraker Act
- D) the Puerto Rico Federal Relations Bill

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Which of the following Latina activists fought against the exclusion of transgender people of color and participated in the Stonewall riots?

- A) Dolores Huerta
- B) Gloria Anzaldua
- C) Emma Tenayuca
- D) Sylvia Rivera

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Which of the following is NOT true of the Quechua language?

- A) It originated in the indigenous populations of Peru
- B) It became of the lingua franca during Spanish colonization of Peru
- C) It is the language family with most variants in South America
- D) It is the most widely spoken pre-Columbian language in the Americas

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The last successful coup of the Mexican Revolution resulted in the election of which of the following as president of Mexico in 1920?

- A) Venustiano Carranza
- B) Alvaro Obregon
- C) Adolfo de la Huerta
- D) Plutarco Elias Calles

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Which of the following, which had its center in modern-day Peru, is the oldest known civilization of the Americas?

- A) the Caral civilization
- B) the Chavin culture
- C) the Moche people
- D) the Nazca culture

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Which of the following is NOT true of former Uruguayan president Jose Mujica?

- A) He was the first socialist president of Uruguay.
- B) He served 12 years in prison for his involvement in the left-wing guerilla, Tupamaros.
- C) Uruguay became the second country in the world to legalize recreational marijuana during his presidency.
- D) His presidency was both preceded and succeeded by Tabare Vazquez.

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Which of the following best describes the gens de couleur social distinction of pre-revolution Haiti?

- A) enslaved Africans
- B) people born in Haiti to enslaved parents
- C) former slaves that earned their freedom before general emancipation
- D) people of mixed French and African descent

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Which of these was NOT a change made to the North American Free Trade Agreement when renegotiated as the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement?

- A) Updated intellectual property rights to include digital trading data
- B) Strengthened labor laws in Mexico
- C) Increased auto manufacturing quotas
- D) Exclusivity provisions for pharmaceutical companies

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Illegal gold miners attacked which of the following indigenous peoples in the 1993 Haximu Massacre?

- A) Guarani
- B) Tikuna
- C) Yanomami
- D) Tupinamba

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Pope's Rebellion in 1680 resulted in the expulsion of the Spanish from territory in which modern US state?

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- A) New Mexico
 - B) Colorado
 - C) Arizona
 - D) Texas

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All of the following are sovereign states but considered British commonwealth realms EXCEPT?

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- A) Antigua and Barbuda
 - B) Bermuda
 - C) Bahamas
 - D) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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According to his famous biography, Olaudah Equiano first landed in which of the following Lesser Antilles islands after being kidnapped from the Kingdom of Benin?

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- A) Trinidad and Tobago
 - B) Saint Kitts
 - C) Grenada
 - D) Barbados

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Former Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos was awarded the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating a deal with which of the following?

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- A) the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
 - B) the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia
 - C) the National Liberation Army
 - D) the Medellin cartel

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Which of the following abolished slavery in Brazil in 1888?

- A) the Law of Free Birth
- B) the Aberdeen Act
- C) the Golden Law
- D) the Saraiva-Cotegipe law

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All of these are methods of repression orchestrated by Haitian politician Francois Duvalier EXCEPT which of the following?

- A) He ordered the execution of Presidential Guards after bombs were successfully detonated outside the presidential palace.
- B) He ordered all black dogs in Haiti be put down because he believed his political enemy had transformed into one.
- C) He collaborated with Cuban dictator Fidel Castro to close both countries borders
- D) He ordered the severed head of an enemy brought to him so that he could converse with his spirit.

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Chile's first democratically elected socialist head of state Salvador Allende was overthrown by military dictator Augusto Pinochet in which of the following decades?

- A) 1960s
- B) 1970s
- C) 1980s
- D) 1990s

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Which of the following regions in Venezuela holds the most crude oil deposits in the world?

- A) Orinoco Belt
- B) Timan-Pechora Basin
- C) Bemolanga sands
- D) Athabasca sands