

Latin America in the 20c

1. Read pp. 1 to the middle of pg. 5 in your reading and answer the following questions in your notebook:

- A. What was Mexico like in the late 19c? What role did Francisco Madero play in trying to change Mexico in the early 20c?
- B. What new reforms were introduced into Mexico after the 1920s?
- C. What was the social makeup of Bolivia in the early 20c? How did this social structure create political/economic problems?
- D. What reforms were introduced in Bolivia after the 1952 Revolution? How successful were they?
- E. When did the United States declare war on Spain? What role did Cuba play in the US' decision?
- F. Identify the provisions of the **Teller Amendment** and the **Platt Amendment**. How did they color the U. S. relationship with Cuba in the early 20c?
- G. How did **Fulgencio Batista** rule Cuba?
- H. What reforms were introduced into Cuba by **Fidel Castro** as he established a Communist government there after 1959?
- I. Why did Castro seek the support of the Soviet Union? What kind of help did he receive from them?
- J. How did Castro improve life for the Cuban people? Explain. What price did they pay for these improvements?
- K. What economic and political problems still exist in Cuba today?

2. Read from the middle of pg. 5 to the end of your reading and answer the following questions in your notebook:

- A. Who were the **Somozas**? What role did they play in early 20c Nicaragua?
- B. Who were the **Sandinistas**? Why did they take that name?
- C. How did the Sandinistas change Nicaragua?
- D. What were some of the ways in which Nicaragua became a socialist country?
- E. Who were the **Contras**? What were their goals? Why did the U. S. government support them?
- F. What were some of the problems that Nicaragua faced in the 1980s?
- G. Why was the election of **Violeta Barrios de Chamorro** as Nicaragua's President in 1990 so unique for Latin America?
- H. Why did civil war erupt in El Salvador in the 1980s? Identify the major groups involved in the conflict.
- I. Identify some specific violations of basic human rights in El Salvador.
- J. How did the civil war in El Salvador finally end?

KEY TERMS TO KNOW: *caudillo* nationalization *junta* "Colossus of the North"