Guided Reading Activity

Andes and Midlatitude Countries

Lesson 3 *Life in the Region*

Essential Question: What makes a culture unique?

People and Places

Directions: Answer the questions about the population of the Andean and midlatitude countries.

1.	What factors affect the population patterns in the region?
2.	Why is the coastal area of South America called the "population rim"?
3.	How is Buenos Aires different from the rest of Argentina?
4.	Why do shantytowns spring up on the outskirts of large cities?
5.	Who was María Elena Moyano?

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People and Culture

Directions: Use your textbook to identify each culture or tradition from the Andean and midlatitude regions.

a Native American group whose language, customs, and folk art are an important part of culture in Paraguay

a healing custom in Bolivia that uses traditional

herbs and rituals to cure sickness.

- a style of literature popular in Latin America that combines everyday events with magical or mythical elements
- 4. _____ the important and valued relationship between a child's parents and other adults who serve as the child's godparents
- a traditional Andean food made up of a mixture of lamb, pork, and chicken baked in an earthen oven

Ongoing Issues

Directions: Use your textbook to decide if each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

1. The population of the Andean and midlatitude countries is growing extremely quickly.

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2.	The landscape of this region has made economic development difficult.
3.	Agriculture, mining, and fishing are important economic activities in Peru.
4.	The people of Bolivia agreed with the government's plan to transport natural gas through Chile because it is cheaper than transporting it through Peru.
5.	Although agriculture, mining, and fishing are important industries in the region, manufacturing and service industries are growing and becoming more important to the nation's economy.
6 .	Because of the difficult terrain in the Andes, there are no roads or railroads in the region.
7 .	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil are part of the Union of South American Nations, which fosters free trade and closer political unity.
8.	In the future, the countries in this region will have to address serious environmental issues and resolve continuing border disputes.