

DEVON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

GEOGRAPHY 8

WORKSHEET 20-A

COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA

On the large Rand McNally political map of SOUTH AMERICA:

Label and outline carefully:

Yellow – COLOMBIA

Green – VENEZUELA

Capitals:

_____, COLOMBIA

_____, VENEZUELA

On the large political map of SOUTH AMERICA (# 24006):

Label and outline carefully:

Yellow – COLOMBIA

Green – VENEZUELA

On the large relief map of SOUTH AMERICA (# KRF200):

Label in pencil and trace the rivers in blue:

Equator = 0° North/South (red)

75° West (*Why?*)

Pacific Ocean (2X)

Panama Canal

Isthmus of Panama

Caribbean Sea

Lake Maracaíbo (*really a bay*)

Trinidad Island

Andes Mountains

Guiana [*gee-AH-na*] Highlands
the Llanos [*YAH-noes*] (*plains*)

+ Amazon Basin

Magdalena River

Orinoco River (*very carefully!*)

On the large map of LATIN AMERICA (# 24676):

Find, but do not label:

Caribbean Sea

Lake Maracaíbo

Referring to p.118 in the atlas, locate each city carefully with a dot and abbreviation:

Bogotá, Colombia

+ Medellín [*med-e-YEEN*], Colombia

+ Cali, Colombia

Caracas, Venezuela

+ Maracaíbo, Venezuela

Vocabulary:

Write out and memorize the definitions of the following terms:

highland climate region

humid tropical climate

tropical savanna climate

urban (*adj.*)

rural (*adj.*)

civil war

gross national product (GNP)

standard of living

petroleum reserves

Read pp.226-231, check the maps on pp.189ff, and look at the maps on pp.111ff of your atlas.

Answer the following questions in a few words in your geography notebook:

1. List the five land neighbors of Colombia.
2. List the three land neighbors of Venezuela.
3. + What is the approximate population of Colombia (to the nearest million)?
4. + What is the approximate population of Venezuela?
5. What is the approximate population of the United States?
6. Name the two main topographic regions of Colombia.
7. Name and describe the dominant climate of the lowlands of Colombia.
8. Which part of Colombia is sparsely populated? Why?
9. Where do most of the people of Colombia live? Why?
10. Name the four most important agricultural exports of Colombia.
11. Who buys most of the illegal drugs produced in Colombia?
12. Why is a civil war raging in Colombia?
13. Name and describe the dominant climate of Venezuela.
14. Where do most Venezuelans live?
15. Name the world's highest waterfall (and + find it on the map).
16. Why does Venezuela have a high standard of living?
17. Where is most of Venezuela's petroleum found?
18. Who owns Venezuela's petroleum reserves?
19. What is the dominant language of Colombia and Venezuela? Why?

+ Internet:

Go to www.opec.org for a list of the members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries):

20. Is Venezuela a member of OPEC?

Video notes: