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Independence Movement Webquest

Directions: Use the resources on my website under Central & South America to answer the following questions in complete sentences.

History of Latin America

1. What event sparked the idea for revolution in the Caribbean?
2. Why would slaves or native people want to revolt?
3. *How did Napoleon's invasion and conquest of Spain in the Peninsular War of 1808 trigger the revolution in Latin America?
4. Describe the social hierarchy (*like a social ladder - some groups are at the top while others are at the bottom*) of Colonial society prior to 1809.
5. What is a junta? What province were overseen by a junta for a period after 1809?

Simon Bolivar

1. Why is Simon Bolivar sometimes referred to as the “George Washington of South America”?
2. What colonial power did Bolivar battle for South American Independence?
3. Bolivar died unhappy. What hope of Bolivar’s was never fully realized?

Miguel Hidalgo

1. Why is Miguel Hidalgo referred to as “The father of Mexican independence”?
2. What do Mexicans repeat while celebrating their independence from Spain?
3. What other accomplishments is Hidalgo known for, other than being a leader for independence?

A Brief Essay on the Contemporary Political History South America

1. What South America governments were overthrown by military dictatorships during the 1960's and 70's?
2. Who is involved in the Colombian Civil war?
3. What political groups became common in South America after WWII?
4. What are South America's two biggest economic challenges?
5. During the 2000's what have many South American countries worked together to create?