

# First Grade “Modern Civilization and Culture: Mexico” Assessment

1a. Which letter is labeling Mexico on the map below: A or B? \_\_\_\_\_



1b. Which country is labeled on the map with an “A?”

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- 1c. Label Mexico on the map below. Describe the location of Mexico in relation to Canada and the United States.
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- 2a. Which letter is labeling Central America on the map: B or D? \_\_\_\_\_



2b. Label Central America on the map.



2c. Label Central America on the map. Answer the following question: Why is Central America called Central America?

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3a. Which letter is labeling the Yucatan Peninsula on the map: C or D? \_\_\_\_\_



3b. Which peninsula is labeled with a C on the map?  
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3c. Label the Yucatan Peninsula on the map. What makes it a peninsula?

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4a. Which letter is labeling the Pacific Ocean on the map: G or D? \_\_\_\_\_



4b. Which ocean is labeled on the map with a D?

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4c. Label the Pacific Ocean on the map.



5a. Which letter is labeling the Gulf of Mexico on the map: F or G? \_\_\_\_\_



5b. Which body of water is labeled with a G on the map?  
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5c. Label the Gulf of Mexico on the map. What makes it a gulf?

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6a. Which letter is labeling the Rio Grande on the map: F or G? \_\_\_\_\_



6b. Label the Rio Grande River on the map.



6c. Label the Rio Grande River on the map. What does “rio grande” mean?

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- 7a. What is the capital of Mexico?  
a. Cancun  
b. Mexico City

7b. What is the capital of Mexico?  
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7c. What is the capital of Mexico? What was the name of the city during the Aztec Empire?  
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- 8a. What two groups of people created the culture of Mexico?  
a. The Spanish and Indians  
b. The Irish and Germans

8b. Which two groups of people created the culture of Mexico?  
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8c. Give one example of how the Spanish added to the culture of Mexico. Give one example of how the Indians added to the culture of Mexico.  
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- 9a. What is the Spanish word for festival?  
a. Fiesta  
b. Siesta

9b. What is a fiesta?  
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9c. What is a fiesta and what might happen at a fiesta?  
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10a. What do children break open at a party?  
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- 10b. What is a piñata?  
a. a Mexican holiday  
b. a rest during the day  
c. a game that children play  
d. an elementary school in Mexico

10c. What is a piñata and when do people in Mexico use it?

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11a. What national holiday in Mexico is on September 16?

- a. Christmas
- b. Independence Day

11b. What happened on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Mexico?

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11c. Why is September 16<sup>th</sup> important to the people of Mexico?

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The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated.

Question 8c: History Standard 3.1. Students know how various societies were affected by contacts and exchanges among diverse peoples.

Questions 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c: Geography Standard 1.1. Students know how to use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

## Answer Key

- 1a. A
- 1b. Mexico
- 1c. See map below for correct labeling.



Acceptable answers could include:  
-Mexico is south of the United States.  
-Canada is north of the United States.

- 2a. B
- 2b. See map in 1c for correct labeling.
- 2c. See map in 1c for correct labeling.  
For part two, acceptable answers could include:  
-Central America is between North America and South America.

- 3a. C
- 3b. Yucatan
- 3c. See map in 1c for correct labeling.  
Acceptable answers could include:  
-A peninsula is land that is surrounded by water on three sides.

- 4a. D
- 4b. Pacific Ocean
- 4c. See map in 1c for correct labeling.

- 5a. G
- 5b. The Gulf of Mexico
- 5c. See map in 1c for correct labeling.  
Acceptable answers could include:  
-a gulf is a large body of water surrounded on three sides by land
- 6a. F
- 6b. See map in 1c for correct labeling.
- 6c. See map in 1c for correct labeling.  
Acceptable answers could include:  
-Rio grande means “large river.”
- 7a. b. Mexico City
- 7b. Mexico City
- 7c. Mexico City. Tenochtitlan.
- 8a. a. The Spanish and Indians
- 8b. The Spanish and the Indians
- 8c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-The Spanish language is used in Mexico today, horses were brought by the Spanish.  
The Indians left many foods like tortillas and beans.
- 9a. a. Fiesta
- 9b. Acceptable answers could include:  
-a fiesta is a festival
- 9c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-a fiesta is a festival  
-A festival may include singing, dancing, fireworks, parades, foods, and piñatas.
- 10a. piñata
- 10b. c. a game that children play
- 10c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-A piñata is a colorful shape filled with candy and small toys.  
-Mexican people use it to celebrate.
- 11a. b. Independence Day
- 11b. Mexican Independence Day
- 11c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-September 16<sup>th</sup> is the day the Mexican people celebrate their independence from Spain.