

Guided Reading Activity 9-1

For use with textbook pages 216–220.

Mexico

Fill In the Blanks

DIRECTIONS: Use the information in your textbook to fill in the blanks for the following sentences.

1. A significant part of the Mexican population is concentrated in and around _____.
2. A megacity, such as Mexico City, has expanded to absorb surrounding cities and _____.
3. Primate cities are so big that they often dominate the country's politics, culture, and _____.
4. Two Native American groups to develop early civilizations in Mexico and Central America were the _____ and the _____.
5. One way the Mayans recorded history was with picture writings carved in stone called _____, which are found on many temples.
6. The Aztec developed a highly structured _____ headed by an emperor.
7. Of the first Europeans to settle in Mexico, most of them were _____.
8. While Mexico became independent in 1821, political and economic power remained in the hands of _____, _____, and clergy.
9. The constitution of 1917 established Mexico as a federal republic with three branches: the executive, _____, and judicial.
10. Mexican culture is an intricate blend of _____ and Spanish influences.
11. The blending of beliefs and practices, or _____, is evident in Mexico despite the large Roman Catholic population.
12. An increase in employment and education has helped ease the problem of _____ for children in poverty who lack proper food.
13. The modern Mexican artist, _____, is famous for his murals.
14. Mexican homes are often shared with _____.
15. Although bullfighting is Mexico's national sport, soccer (*fútbol*), baseball, and _____ are also popular.