**Chapter 7: Latin America**

**Section 1 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word** | **Definition** |
| Latin America | the region that includes Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean Islands, and South America |
| Sierra Madre Occidental | mountain range that runs from north to south down the western part of Mexico |
| Sierra Madre Oriental | mountain range that runs from north to south down the eastern part of Mexico |
| isthmus | a strip of land that connects two land masses |
| highlands | mountainous and hilly sections of a country |
| archipelago | a chain of islands |
| Greater Antilles | the northern largest Caribbean island that includes Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola (which includes Haiti, and the Dominican Republic), and Puerto Rico |
| Lesser Antilles | the smaller Caribbean islands southeast of the Greater Antilles |
| plateau | a broad, flat area of land higher than the surrounding land |
| tectonic plate | a large rigid section of the Earth’s crust that is in constant motion |