**Chapter 7: Latin America**

**Section 4 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word**  | **Definition** |
| Columbia Exchange | the movement of plants and animals between Latin America and Europe after Columbus’ voyage to the Americas in A.D. 1492  |
| conquistador | Spanish word for “conqueror” |
| colony | overseas territory ruled by a nation |
| mestizo | a person with mixed European and Indian ancestry |
| Father Hidalgo | a leader in the fight for Mexican independence  |
| Simon Bolivar | leader for independence in northern South America |
| Jose de San Martin | leader for independence in southern South America |
| empire | a political system in which people or lands are controlled by one ruler |