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Modern Latin America - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Who were the Creoles in Latin America?

- A. Native Americans
- ☒ B. American-born European descendants
- C. Mexican revolutionaries
- D. European-born colonists

2. How did Napoleon's European conquests influence colonialism in Latin America?

- A. Napoleon claimed land in four Latin American nations.
- ☒ B. Napoleon's conquests distracted colonial rulers.
- C. Napoleon's march through Brazil led to thousands of deaths.
- D. Napoleon inspired the Spanish to end the Inquisition.

3. What are Jose de San Martin and Simon Bolivar known for?

- ☒ A. leading independence movements in Latin America
- B. enslaving Native Americans
- C. leading a *mestizo* uprising
- D. creating murals about Native American culture

4. Why did the period following Mexican Independence bring about little immediate change in social conditions?

- A. Mexicans missed the traditions from the Spanish rule.
- ☒ C. Mexicans of Spanish origin still owned most of the land.
- B. Mexicans were not notified of a change in government.
- D. Mexicans did not know how to prevent widespread warfare.

5. How did the Cold War affect Latin America?

- ☒ A. The United States and the Soviet Union took stakes in Latin American battles to spread influence.
- B. The Americans and Soviets ignored Latin American injustices because they were busy.
- C. Latin America was the site of nuclear testing for the United States and the Soviet Union.
- D. Latin American nations created walls within major cities to replicate Berlin.

6. Which style of government is most strongly associated with a left wing government?

- A. fascism
- ☒ C. communism
- B. totalitarianism
- D. democracy

7. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of Fidel Castro's rule in Cuba?

- A. strong government censorship
- ☒ B. strong economic ties to the United States
- C. strong relations with the Soviet Union
- D. strong medical programs

8. What type of violations did Pinochet commit as ruler of Argentina?

- A. democratic violations
- ☒ C. human rights violations
- B. traffic violations
- D. international trade violations

9. The Iran-Contra Affair involved which Latin American country?

- ☒ A. Nicaragua
- B. Guatemala
- C. Brazil
- D. Argentina

10. Who were the "disappeared" in Argentina?

- A. people who went into hiding to protest the government
- B. people who fled Argentina after the death of Eva Peron
- C. people who weren't counted in the census for political reasons
- ☒ D. people who were killed for disagreeing with the government