APWH: Chapter 25 Reading Guide Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Consolidation of Latin America, 1830-1920

*From Colonies to Nations*

1. What was the main reason that movements for independence in Latin American hadn’t succeeded earlier?
2. What four events contributed to independence movements in Latin America?
3. Who led a series of revolts against Spain in northern South America? What type of government did this region adopt?

*New Nations Confront Old and New Problems*

1. By what year had the former Spanish and Portuguese colonies become independent nations? In general, why were these nations slow to adopt economic and social reforms?
2. In general, why did attempts to unify larger regions of Latin America fail?
3. What was a caudillo?
4. With what party were centralists most affiliated, and what was their main platform? Who were federalists, and what was their main agenda?
5. Describe the general state of politics in the first 50 years after independence in Latin America.

*Latin American Economies and World Markets, 1820-1870*

1. What was the purpose of the Monroe Doctrine? Why did Britain support Latin American efforts to remain independent?
2. How and why did Latin America’s economy change after 1850? What types of commodities did Latin America export?
3. Why did Latin American countries remain economically dependent on industrialized nations?
4. What demographic changes occurred in the mid-1800s? How did immigration trends influence these developments?
5. What happened to Mexican territory as a result of the Mexican-American War? How did Mexico now view the United States?

*(As you read the next few sections, there will not be very many questions, but pay attention to* ***patterns*** *in post-independence developments throughout Latin America.)*

*Societies in Search of Themselves*

1. What happened to the society of castes (sociedad de castas) post-independence?
2. How did Latin America fare economically from 1880-1920? Why? Why were their economies vulnerable?
3. How did foreign investment impact Latin America in both positive and negative ways?
4. What were the true motives behind U.S. involvement in the Spanish-American War and the Panamanian movement for independence?
5. According to the conclusion, although Latin America gained its political independence, what social and economic continuities remained?