

CHAPTER 8, SECTION 2: MAIN IDEAS

- 1. Native cultures, Spanish conquest, and independence shaped Colombia's history.
- 2. In Colombia today, the benefits of a rich culture and many natural resources contrast with the effects of a long period of civil war.

COLOMBIA'S HISTORY

1) What was the name for the people that lived in Colombia before the Spanish arrived?

2) What did the *Chibcha* people do to their new rulers? _____

3) What kinds of skills did the *Chibcha* possess? _____

4) Why did the Spanish come to South America? _____

5) How did the Spanish treat the *Chibcha* people? (Hint: Use the subheading **Spanish Conquest** to help with your answer.) _____

6) Which countries made up the republic of Gran Colombia before 1830?

7) Name the two groups that debated over how Colombia should be run. **Then explain** how each group wanted Colombia to be run.

A. _____

B. _____

8) What factors made it hard to unite the different groups of people into one country? (Hint: Think about both physical features and social structures.) _____

COLOMBIA TODAY

9) What is Colombia's national capital? _____

10) Where do most Colombians live? _____

11) Complete the chart about Colombian cultural influences. (Use the first one as an example.)

Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional African songs and dances on the Caribbean Coast • South American Indian music in remote areas of the Andes

12) How does Colombia use its resources to support its economy? (Hint: What does Colombia do to make money? You should have at least **four** different ways in your answer.)

13) What are **guerrillas**? _____

14) What do the **guerrillas** want? How have they treated the people of Colombia? _____

15) What two things are happening in Colombia today to make things better? _____

