

# Early Civilizations Of Latin America: Scientific Investigation Worksheet

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## PART 1: SCIENTIFIC PHENOMENON OBSERVATION

This region's climate is hot and humid. Abundant rainfall and rich, fertile soil made this a perfect area for the Olmec to grow maize, or corn. Olmec also grew beans, squash, peppers, and avocados.

**I notice:**

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**I wonder:**

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## HUMAN GEOGRAPHY SYSTEMS

Label each description with the correct human geography system: Urban, Cultural, Economic, Political, or Infrastructure.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Major cities in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Languages spoken in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Economic activities in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Political boundaries in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation networks in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religious practices in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agricultural patterns in Early Civilizations of Latin America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historical settlements in Early Civilizations of Latin America

## PART 3: DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS

Collect data about the geographic features of Early Civilizations Of Latin America using the table below.

Feature	Observations	Significance
Climate		
Landforms		
Water Features		
Vegetation		

**Analysis Questions:**

1. What patterns do you notice in the data? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How do these features interact with each other? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What might explain these geographic patterns? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4: MODEL DEVELOPMENT**

Create a model showing how the geographic features of Early Civilizations Of Latin America interact. Label each feature and draw arrows showing the interactions.

Draw your model in this space

**Model Key:**

Arrow direction shows: \_\_\_\_\_

Dotted lines represent: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 5: SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION**

Using your model and what you've learned about Early Civilizations Of Latin America, explain how the geographic features of this region influence human settlement and activities.

**PART 6: REFLECTION**

Complete the following sentences:

**My model shows \_\_\_\_\_ about Early Civilizations Of Latin America because:**

**One way humans have adapted to the geography of Early Civilizations Of Latin America is:**

