**Cultura:**

**Xochimilco, México**

First, read [this article](https://www.tripsavvy.com/guide-to-xochimilco-1589073#:~:text=The%20brightly%20colored%20boats%20that,seat%20about%20a%20dozen%20people.) and fill in section A. Next, watch [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJiTRh4EeTs) and complete section B.

Parte A

1. What are "chinampas?" **Chinampas are an agricultural technique between canals that are formed when rooting rectangular cane frames to the lake floor then filling them with layers of weeds, muck, and earth until they rise up to one meter above the surface.**
2. Which word comes from the Nahuatl language and means "flower garden?" **Xochimilco.**
3. Why did the Aztec people build and use "chinampas?" **The Chinampas are meant for intense swampy farming and to sustain a large population.**
4. What is the purpose of the "ahujotes" and what are they? **The purpose of willow trees is to contain chinampas and willow trees are roots that contain chinampas.**
5. Highlight any and all advantages of using this agricultural system:

**a.)** sustained a large population **b.)** employed many people

c.) required little upkeep **d.)** made wetlands farmable

**e.)** provided intensive farming

1. What are "trajineras?" **They are flat bottomed boats similar to gondas.**
2. How many people can fit on one "tranjera?"

a.) 5 **b.) 8** c.) 12 d.)16

1. What can you enjoy while on a ride on a "tranjera?" **You can enjoy other tranjeras, food and musical entertainment.**
2. In your own words, what is the legend surrounding the "Isla de Las Muñecas?" **So basically the Island of the Dolls is about how one day a person named Don Juliana Santana found a dead corpse of a girl who drowned and he found a doll. So what he did was tie it to a tree but apparently he kept getting “haunted” and kept tying dolls to the tree and then eventually he died.**
3. Xochimilco is (select all that apply)

**a.)** unique b.) uncrowded c.) far from the capital **d.)** colorful

**e.)** a UNESCO world heritage site f.) a national park

**g.)** affordable **h.)** a tourist attraction i.) haunted

Parte B

1. What is Lucio Usobiaga's mission with his non-profit Yolcan? **Lusio’s mission is to preserve the Chinampas.**
2. **Cierto**/ falso: the "chinampas" have some of the most fertile land and the best produce in all of Mexico.
3. **Cierto**/ falso: they use organic and chemical-free farming practices.
4. Why have some farmers left the "chinampas" to work in the city, and what was Lucio's solution? **The farmers were not getting paid well so Lucio decided to sell and partner up with a restaurant called Quintonil.**
5. Which famous chef has partnered with Yolcan to cook with the fresh and tasty produce grown in the "chinampas?" **Jorge Vallejo**
6. How many other chefs have partnered with Yolcan in Mexico City to support the "chinampas?'

a.) 100 b.) 70 c.) 225 **d.) 50**

1. Explain why you would (or would not) like to eat at "Quintonil." **Yes because all of the things are chemical free and healthy which sound like a great meal to me.**
2. Did it surprise you to learn they have been farming in this way for over 800 years? Explain. **To be honest yes because all the farming looks like it's new and I thought it would be around 200 years if anything.**