

Theme: Latin American Childhood

Grade Level: K - 5th

Objectives: Students will learn about childhood in different Latin American countries.

Goals:

1. Students will compare childhood in Latin America to childhood in the United States.

Essential Questions:

1. What toys are popular in Latin American countries based on the items in the suitcase?
2. How do the school supplies & books compare to those in your classroom?
3. In what ways are you similar to children in Latin America?

Lesson: Childhood in Latin America: How children in Latin America are similar to us.

1) Using the following items from the suitcase, students will compare a typical classroom in Latin America to their classroom in the U.S. Students will each be given one of the following items and instructed to find a similar item around the classroom.

- Mexico
 - 3 Coleccion Fabulas Books
 - 4 Edicion Bilingue Books
 - 3 Coloring Books
- Honduras
 - 6 School Texts
 - 3 Comic Books
 - 4 Coloring Books
- Puerto Rico
 - 1 Book: Fairy Tales of Puerto Rico
 - 1 Children Book

- 1 Coloring Book
- Columbia
 - 6 Student Class Schedules
- Bolivia
 - 4 Grade School Textbooks

2) Using the following Items from the suitcase, students will compare popular toys from the selected countries to toys in their classroom / home.

- Mexico
 - 2 Paleros
 - 1 Sombrero or Hat
 - 2 Dolls
 - 2 Puppets
 - 1 Doll Dress
- Honduras
 - 3 Worry Dolls with Basket
 - 1 Large Doll
- Puerto Rico
 - 3 Miniature Figurines
- Nicaragua
 - 1 Doll Hammock
 - 2 Dolls
- Colombia
 - 1 Wooden top with string
- Honduras
 - 2 Wooden Tops
 - 1 Ball in Socket

Discussion:

After assessing items from Latin American Childhood, students will discuss how children from different Latin American countries are similar to children in the U.S.

- How are Latin American classrooms similar to ours?
- How are toys in Latin America similar to toys that we play with?