

Independence Movements in Latin America

The Three Liberators

GPS Standard:

SS6H2: The student will explain the development of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonies of European nations and on through their independence.

(c) Explain the Latin American independence movement: include Toussaint L'Ouverture, Simon Bolivar, and Miguel Hidalgo

Essential Question:

Why and how did the independence movement occur in Latin America?

The World is Changing

**Independence movements
were occurring all over the
world as oppressed people
fought to be free.**

Toussaint L'Ouverture

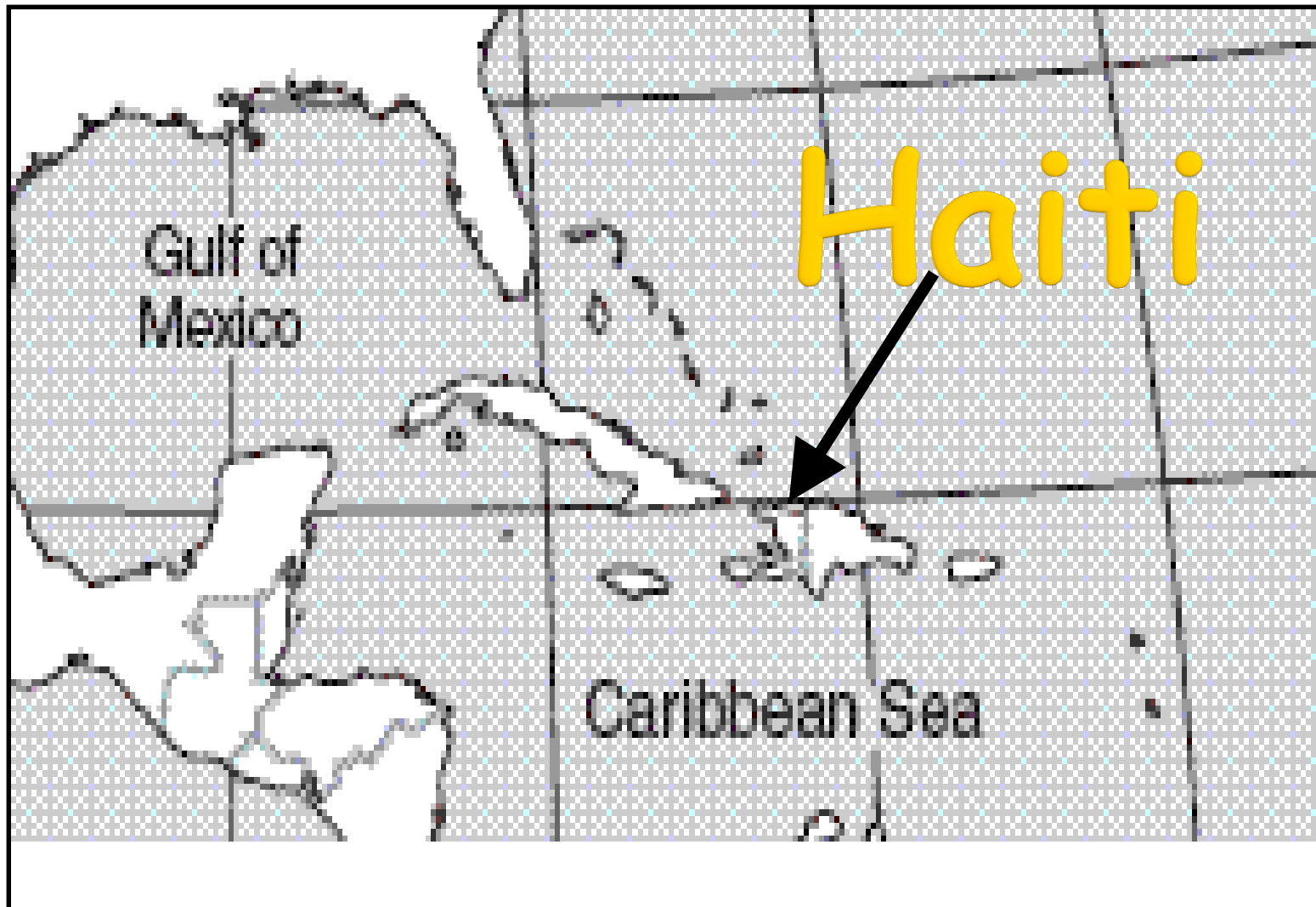


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Which areas did he
fight to help free?

Haiti

Label and color the country
freed by L'Ouverture



Why did he fight?

- He wanted to free the black African slaves from their white masters
- He believed that God wished to abolish slavery and had called him to lead

Was he successful?

Yes, but it was not until **after** his **death** that the African **slaves** of Haiti were able to finally gain their **freedom**.

What happened to L'Ouverture?

L'Ouverture was
captured by the French
and thrown in jail in
France where he died.

Other Facts:



The Haitian Revolution marked the only time in history that African **slaves** successfully rose up to overthrow their **European** oppressors.

In Summary...

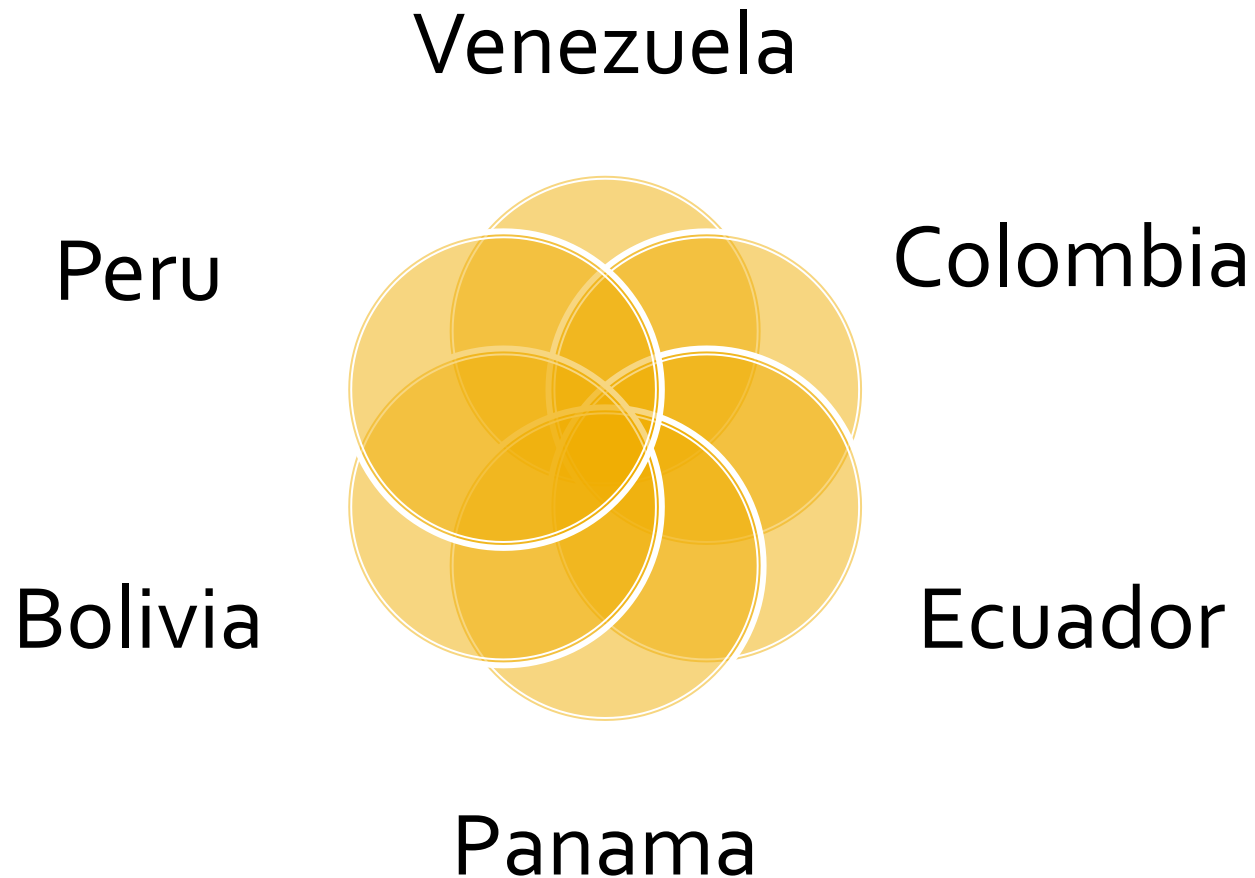
Why is Toussaint L'Ouverture considered a hero to people in Haiti even though he died before they were able to gain independence?

Simon Bolivar

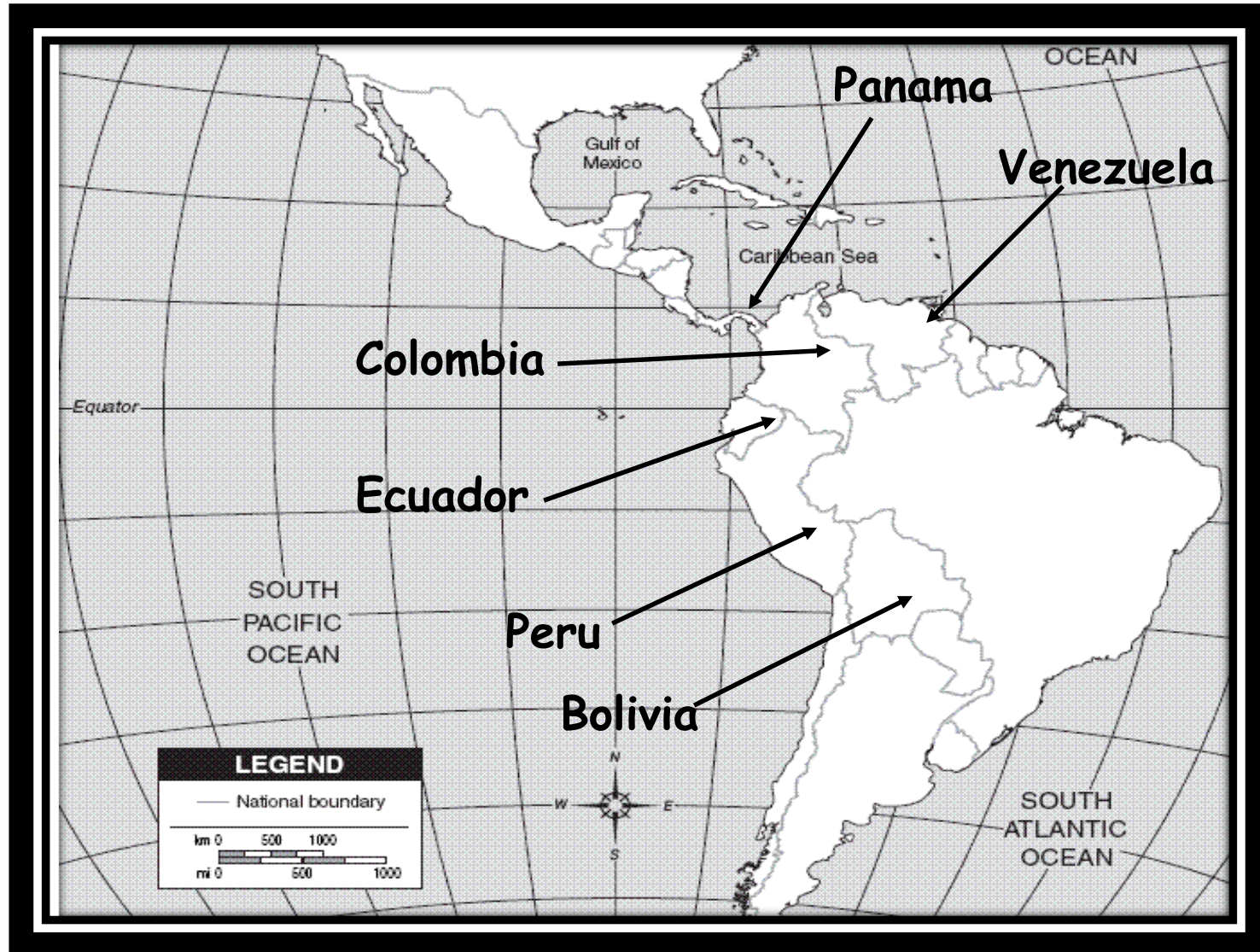


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Which countries did he help free?



Color your map to show the countries Bolivar helped



Why did he fight?

He was tired of being ruled by Europeans

His life's goal was to free his homeland

He once said "I have been chosen by fate to break your chains...Fight and you shall win"

Was he successful?

**Bolivar was successful in his
life to liberate countries in
South America**

**He was never able to
unite all of them as one
country as he wanted**

What happened to Bolivar?

When Bolivar realized he was never going to be able to unite South America into one country, he retired from politics (with poor health)

Other facts:




**He was a wealthy Venezuelan
criollo**



Known as “The Liberator”



**Called the “George Washington
of South America”**



**In nearly every town plaza in
South America, there is a statue
of Bolivar**

Bolivar Brain Pop

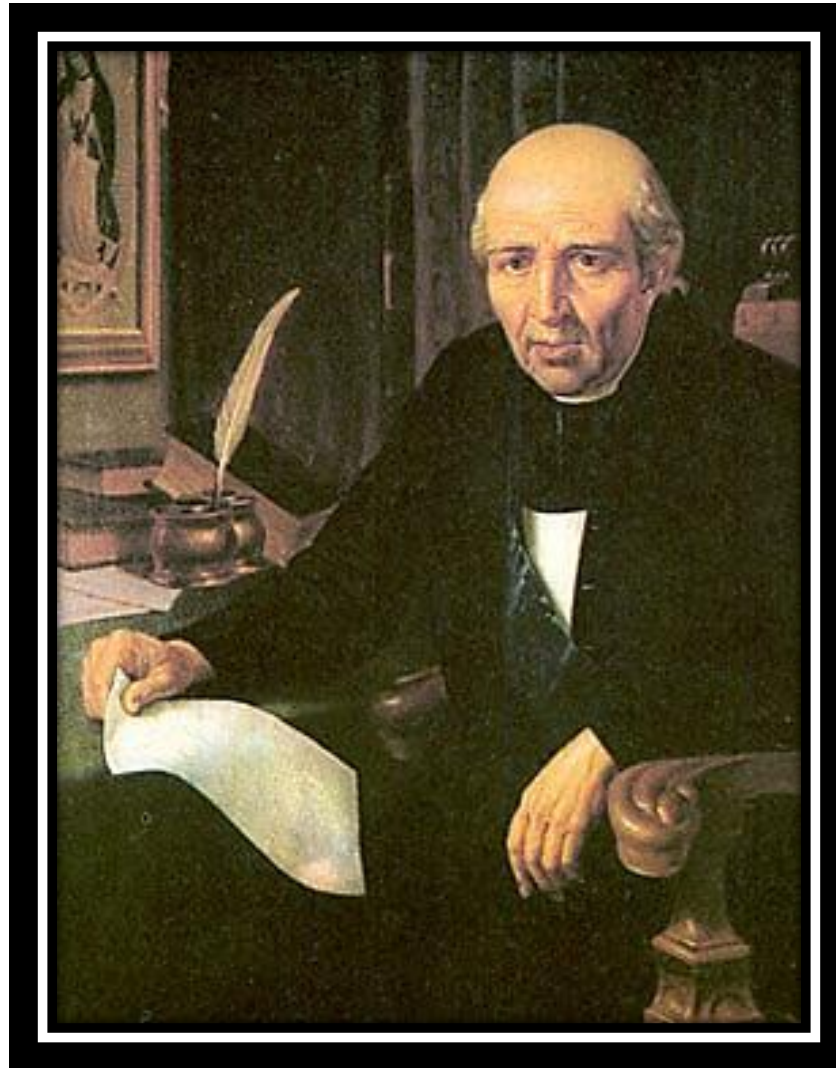
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In Summary...

With a partner, answer the following question:

Why do you think Simon Bolivar was called the "George Washington of South America"?

Miguel Hidalgo



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What areas did he fight
to help free?

Mexico

Label and color the country Hidalgo helped



Why did he fight?

Spaniards had oppressed and mistreated Mexicans for generations and Hidalgo wanted to stop them

Hidalgo wanted Mexicans to recover the land that had been stolen from their forefathers

Was he successful?

**Hidalgo was not successful
during his life**

**However, his movement
continued until Mexico finally
won its independence 11 years
later**

What happened to Hidalgo?

Hidalgo was captured while trying to escape into the U.S. He was executed to send a message to others who wanted to rebel.

Other facts:




Hidalgo is known as “The Father of Mexican Independence”



Hidalgo was a criollo



Hidalgo was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church



Every year on September 16th, Mexican Independence Day, they reenact the ringing of the church bell by Hidalgo

Summarizing Question...

Why do you think Hidalgo is called the "Father of Mexican Independence" when Mexico did not receive independence until 11 years after his death?