CHAPTER 20 SECTION 3
REVOLUTIONS IN SOUTH AND LATIN AMERICA
MAP OF LATIN AMERICA
1. DISCONTENT IN LATIN AMERICA

- By the late 1700’s much of LATIN AMERICA had been COLONIZED by SPAIN.

- SPANISH-BORN PENINSULARES were the highest social class that dominated the GOV’T.

- CREOLES (land owners) were children of Spanish people born in the Americas. They owned land.

- MESTIZOS were half NATIVE AMERICAN and half European, and MULATTOES were half-AFRICAN and half-EUROPEAN, and these two groups were the LOWEST social classes.
SOCIAL HIERARCHY IN SPANISH-CONTROLLED LATIN AMERICA (THE CASTA SYSTEM)
2. REVOLUTION IN HAITI

- In 1791 AFRICAN SLAVES under the leadership of TOUSSAINT L’OVERTURE in HAITI rebelled against FRENCH RULE.

- By 1798, he had defeated FRENCH TROOPS and MULATTOES, (half-African half-French) and by 1802 NAPOLEON tried to regain the island.

- L’OVERTURE was captured and would die in France by 1803, but by 1804 France had to retreat because of a YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK. By 1820, HAITI became an independent REPUBLIC.
3. REVOLTS IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

- FATHER MIGUEL HIDALGO (A MEXICAN CREOLE PRIEST) gave a speech in 1810 titled, EL GRITO de DOLORES where he asked, “My children, will you be free?”

- Although some MESTIZOS (NATIVES) would fight for MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE against SPAIN, the CREOLES felt a revolt would end SLAVERY and their LAND and POWER would be gone.

- By 1820, Mexico overthrew the SPANISH and the Mexican general Agustin named himself EMPEROR, but he was soon exiled and in 1821, and Mexico became a REPUBLIC. When Mexico expelled the Spanish, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Costa Rica all formed separate NATIONS.
FATHER MIGUEL HIDALGO
4. Revolution Spreads to South America

- In 1808 NAPOLEON’S army occupied SPAIN. Venezuelan-born CREOLE, SIMON BOLIVAR decided this was the time to REVOLT against SPAIN in VENEZUELA.

- CONSERVATIVES exiled him to HAITI but he regrouped and took his army across the ANDES MOUNTAINS defeating SPAIN in COLOMBIA’S capital of BOGOTA in 1819.

- By 1821 he freed VENEZUELA from SPANISH RULE, and he gained the nickname of THE LIBERATOR.
MAP OF SOUTH AMERICA
SIMON BOLIVAR
5. SAN MARTIN HELPS BOLIVAR

- JOSE SAN MARTIN was born in ARGENTINA, but he went to MILITARY SCHOOL in EUROPE.

- He joined forces with SIMON BOLIVAR and by 1822 their two armies had freed CHILE, ARGENTINA and PERU from SPANISH RULE.

- BOLIVAR tried to unite much of SOUTH AMERICA and call them GRAN COLOMBIA, but the newly freed nations all became separate nations.
JOSE SAN MARTIN
6. BRAZIL FIGHTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

- PORTUGAL’S Royal Family fled Brazil in the early 1800’s because their country was being invaded by NAPOLEON.

- The KING’S SON, DOM PEDRO stayed in BRAZIL with instructions to declare himself king if a revolution broke out.

- Instead, DOM PEDRO declared himself KING in 1822 and claimed that BRAZIL would be independent with a CONSTITUTION that allowed FREEDOM OF SPEECH and RELIGION.
DOM PEDRO