Guided Reading on “Independence in Latin America”

1) Which events in Europe pushed Latin American colonies towards independence from Spain and Portugal? When did this begin? (694-696)

2) Which group in Venezuela declared independence from Spain? When did this happen? What was the goal? (696)

3) Who was Simon Bolivar and why was he so important to the future of many countries in Latin America? Explain some of the tactics he used. Why was he ultimately successful? (696)

4) Examine the map on page 697 and answer the following:
   a) By what year were the major Latin American colonies independent?

   b) Which modern day countries made up the colony of Gran Columbia?

      ….United Provinces of The Reo de La Plata and Patagonia?

   c) How was the size of the colony of Mexico in the early 19\textsuperscript{th} century different from today’s Mexico?

5) What was the second center of revolutionary activity in Latin America? Which regions did Jose de San Martin liberate? Why do you think that his crossing of the Andes with troops was so remarkable? (698)

7) Who succeeded Hidalgo in the fight for independence and what happened to him? How and when did Mexico finally gain independence and become a republic? (698-699)

8) How was the pattern of Brazil’s independence different from most of Latin America? What role did Pedro I play in this? What happened to him and why? (699)