Note Outline on “Independence in Latin America 1800-1830”

1) Describe the social hierarchy of Latin American society prior to independence?

Peninsulares:
Creoles:
Mestizos:
Amerindians:
Africans:

Why do you think that this type of social hierarchy made it difficult to form stable, representative governments after independence?

2) Who was Simon Bolivar? Why did he come to support the independence of Latin American colonies from Spain?

3) Why is Bolivar known as the “Liberator”? Which areas of northern South America won their independence from Spain and when did this occur?

4) Why did Bolivar believe in the need for a strong executive? What dream did he have for Latin America? After becoming President of a united Republic of Venezuela, Peru, and Bolivia what challenges did he face? How did he end up disappointed by the end of his life?

5) When and how did Argentina win its independence? Who was Jose de San Martin and what important role did he play in the independence of colonies in that region?

6) Why did San Martin go into self-imposed exile after winning wars of independence? What did he say was needed for the new countries of Latin America?
7) Who were the caudillos? Why did caudillos arise in post-independence Latin America? Provide an example of one such caudillo in Argentina and what he was noted for.

8) When and by whom was Mexico’s struggle for independence begun? What was the significance about the “Grito de Dolores”? What happened to the initial rebellion against the Spanish royalists?

9) Who continued the rebellion of Father Hidalgo? When and how did Mexico achieve independence? Following independence which type of government ruled Mexico for most of the 19th century?

10) Why did the royal family of Portugal move to Brazil? When did Pedro I declare independence from Portugal? How did Portugal ultimately become a republic?

11) By which year were most former Spanish and Portuguese colonies in Latin America independent? What were some of the post-independence challenges for Latin America?

12) Fill in the chart below based on what you have learned:

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