Chapter 4: Caribbean South America, Answer Key

Chapter Opener
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MAP ZONE
1. The capital of Venezuela is Caracas.
2. Columbia is located along the north western coast, adjacent to Central America, the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea, while Venezuela is along the north central coast of South America, bordering the Atlantic Ocean.

Section 1
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MAP ZONE
1. The Orinoco River runs through Venezuela.
2. Being home to the Andes Mountains means that Columbia's elevation much higher than the rest of Caribbean South America's.

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The region's major physical features include:
- Rugged mountains, highlands, plains, and huge river systems
    - The Andes Mountains – a cordillera
    - The Orinoco, Cauca and the Magdalena Rivers
    - The Guiana Highlands
    - Tepuis
    - Llanos

Answers will vary. Students may suggest that tourists come to see the highest waterfall, rocky tepuis or exotic animals.

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The temperatures in the regions vary with elevation.

Geographic factors like good soil and moderate climates affect economic activities in Caribbean South America, allowing the growth of rice, coffee, bananas, and sugarcane. The region also has other valuable resources such as oil, iron ore, and coal, as well as timber, fish and shrimp.

Section 2:
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The Spanish wanted to defend Cartagena from pirates because its port was always stocked with silver and gold for shipping.

Spanish conquest shaped Columbia's history and culture in many ways. The Spanish seized much of the Chibcha's treasure and founded a colony with cities along the Caribbean coast. Spaniards set up large estates while forcing local people to work their land.

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Student answers will vary. Answers should name some of the goods shown in the photos.

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The presence of heavily armed militant groups who control large areas of the country has caused many problems in the Columbian Civil War. Farmers have been forced off their land and many Columbians have fleed the country. The future of Columbia is uncertain due to this instability.

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Like Washington, Simon Bolivar was a revolutionary leader who led the liberation of his country.

Most Venezuelans are Spanish-speaking Roman Catholics, who enjoy dancing and sports. This culture is similar to Spanish culture in many ways.

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Answers will vary. Students should reference the passage and picture on page 92. Student's descriptions may include but are not limited to descriptions of men in devil costumes and elaborate masks and parade and dance through the street shaking maracas to keep evil away.

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MAP ZONE

1. Large oil fields can be found next to the Orinoco River.
2. Because of its weight and distance from port cities, gold is most difficult to transport.

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Student answers will vary. Students should appropriately reference the text and the picture on page 94 to explain why Caracas is located in this mountain valley.

The workers' strike caused the Venezuelan economy to suffer and the country's oil exports fell dramatically.

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French Guiana differs from the rest of the Guianas because of its ties to France. French Guiana is also less diverse than other regions in this area.

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Practice
Answers will vary depending on the city the student chooses. Cities should be accurately described according to latitude and longitude.

Apply
Answers will vary depending on the city the student indicates as his or her hometown. Cities should be accurately described according to latitude and longitude, and several other cities that share the same latitude as his or her hometown should be accurately named.