

Questions for San Martin Reading #1

Name: _____

- 1) What future South American nations is Jose de San Martin credited with liberating from Spanish rule in the early 1800's.

- 2) What was San Martin's background and how was it similar or different from Simon Bolivar's background?

- 3) What evidence is given that San Martin was a superb military commander?

- 4) What new branch of the military did San Martin create which allowed him to take Peru (Lima)?

- 5) What type of government did San Martin seek for the newly freed regions of South America and why?

- 6) San Martin met Bolivar in Guayaquil, Ecuador over control of Peru. What was the outcome of this meeting?

- 7) One of the legendary strengths of George Washington was his ability to walk away from leadership of the nation he had helped create. Was there any evidence that San Martin had the same "Cincinnatus-like" quality?

Reading #2 – The meeting at Guayaquil, Ecuador between San Martin and Bolivar

- 1) How were the San Martin and Bolivar temperamentally different from each other?

- 2) How ere the opening toasts at their first ceremonial dinner different and what did their toasts say about their character and vision for South America?

- 3) What did San Martin do immediately after the feast?

- 4) What did he send to Bolivar along with news of his resignation?

- 5) What further obstacles did Bolivar face before conquering Peru?

- 6) Why was Bolívar's Congress of the Republics ultimately a failure?

- 7) Whose vision for the future of South America won... Bolívar's or San Martin's (and why)?

- 8) How might Latin America have been different if San Martin had not resigned?