

Simon Bolivar Reading Questions

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- 1) Why was Bolivar's birth in Caracas, Venezuela helpful for his later calling as a liberator?
- 2) Why was Venezuela so important as a revolutionary starting point?
- 3) Why was the printing press important as a revolutionary instrument and how widely was it used in the Columbian region before 1808?
- 4) What influences in Bolivar's early life may have pushed him towards revolutionary politics in Latin America?
- 5) What beliefs did Bolivar advocate in his early political statement to the Congress of Angostura in February 1819.
- 6) Following a string of skirmishes between 1819 and 1821, Bolivar broke the back of Spanish resistance at which battle?
- 7) In 1824-5, Bolivar's unbroken string of victories culminated with the new nation of Bolivia naming itself after the famous general. What factors helped account for Bolivar's successful overthrow of the Spanish governments in South America?
- 8) How did Bolivar thwart (stop) San Martin from controlling Ecuador as part of Peru?
- 9) Under Bolivar's "masterpiece" Constitution, how long would the President serve?
- 10) During the final years of Bolivar's life, he accepts a position as a dictator. Why did his vision of a Gran Columbia fall apart with each nation going its own way?