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A map of Mexico showing the locations of the major pre-Columbian civilizations. The Aztec Empire is shown in red, the Maya civilization in yellow, and the Olmec civilization in blue. The map also shows the locations of the major pre-Columbian cities, including Tenochtitlan, Teotihuacan, and Chichén Itzá.

A country rich in history, tradition and culture, Mexico consists of 31 states and a federal district. It is the third largest country in Latin America and has one of the largest populations — more than 100 million — making it home to more Hispanics than any other nation in the world. Despite the political and social changes that have occurred over the centuries, evidence of past cultures and events is evident everywhere in Mexico. Many of Mexico's rural areas are still inhabited by indigenous people whose lifestyles are quite similar to those of their ancestors. In addition, many pre-Columbian ruins still exist throughout Mexico, including the ancient city of Teotihuacán and the Mayan pyramids of Chichén Itzá and Tulum. Reminders of the colonial era are evident in the architecture of cities such as Taxco and Querétaro.History Early HistoryThe Olmecs, Mexico's first known community, settled on the Gulf Coast near what is now Veracruz. Remembered for the giant head sculptures they carved from native stone, olmecs had two main population centers: San Lorenzo, which flourished from about 1,200 to 900 B.C., and La Venta in Tabasco, which lasted to about 600 B.C.Did you know? The three colors of the flag of Mexico have profound significance for the country and its citizens: green represents hope and victory, whites stand for the purity of Mexican ideals and red brings to mind the blood shed by the country's heroes. At 300 F.C., villages based on agriculture and hunting had sprung up throughout the southern half of Mexico. Monte Albán, home to the Zapotec people, had an estimated 10,000 inhabitants. Between 100 BC.C and 700 e.Kr., Teotihuacán, the largest pre-Columbian city in the Americas, was built near modern-day Mexico City. The civilization that built it is also called Teotihuacán, and the influence of this culture can be seen in the Veracruz and Mayan regions. At its peak, with a population estimated at 200,000, civilization is believed to have controlled a large part of southern Mexico. The Empire of Teotihuacán was overthrown in the 7th century, but the spectacular city survives today. The Mayans, widely considered to be pre-Columbian America's most glorious civilization, flourished between about 250 and 900 e.Kr. They developed a calendar and writing system and built cities that served as hubs for the surrounding farming towns. The ceremonial center of the Mayan cities contained squares surrounded by high temple pyramids and lower buildings called palaces. Religion played a central role in Mayan life, and alters were carved with significant dates, stories and elaborate human and divine figures. The Mayan civilization collapsed in the early 10th century, probably due to overcrowding and the resulting damage to the ecological balance. The Toltec civilization also influenced Mexico's cultural history. Historians have determined that the Toltec people appeared in central Mexico near the 10th century and built of Tula, home to an estimated 30,000-40,000 people. Some have speculated that toltecs executed human sacrifices to appease the gods. One of their kings, Tezcatlipoca, is said to have ordered mass victims of captured enemy fighters. Because many toltec architectural and ritualistic influences can be found at the Mayan site of Chichén Itzá in the northern Yucatán, many scholars believe that Toltec's exile fled to the Yucatán and created a new version of Tula there. The Aztecs, the last of pre-Colombian Mexico's great native civilizations, rose to prominence in the central valley of Mexico around 1427 by collaborating with the Toteers and Mayans. This triple alliance conquered smaller cultures to the east and west until the Aztec Empire stretched across Mexico from the Pacific to the Gulf Coast. At their height, the Aztecs ruled 5 million people via a tightly structured system of self-supporting devices called calpulli. Each unit had its own governing council, schools, army, temple, and land, but paid tribute to the supreme leader of the empire. Influenced by former Mexican civilizations, the Aztecs held extraordinary religious ceremonies that featured dances, processions and victims. Middle HistorySpaniard Hernán Cortés arrived in Veracruz in 1519. Aztec King Moctezuma II believed that Cortés could be the snake god Quetzalcoatl, and invited the conquistador to Tenochtitlán. This gesture proved disastrous because Cortés formed many allies on his way to the city. In May 1521, Cortés and his followers attacked and conquered the Aztecs. Cortés then colonized the area and called it Nueva España (New Spain). In 1574, Spain controlled a large part of the Aztec empire and had enslaved most of the indigenous population. Worse, the diseases brought into the community by the Spaniards destroyed the indigenous people of Nueva España, killing an estimated 24 million people between 1521 and 1605.The influence of the Catholic Church was felt in the region when missionaries began arriving in 1523. The missionaries built many monasteries and converted millions of people into Catholicism. During this turbulent time, colonists in Nueva España, born in Spain (peninsulas) collided with Spaniards born in Mexico (criollos). Many criollos had become rich and wanted equal political power, which now lived with the peninsulas. Concerned about the ever-growing power of the Catholic Church, King Carlos III of Spain expelled the Jesuits from Nueva España in the late 18th century. Napoleón Bonaparte's occupation of Spain in 1808 compromised the country's political and economic structure, which in turn weakened Spain's grip on Nueva España.Recent History on September 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a parish priest from the city of Dolores , issued a call for rebellion. In response, rebel leader Vicente Guerrero and the former Royalist General Agustín de Itúrbide worked together to gain Mexico's independence from Spain in 1821. Together they drafted a Mexican But in 1822, Iturbide declared himself emperor of the country. A year later, Antonio López de Santa Anna Iturbide overthrew and drafted a new constitution establishing a federal Mexican republic consisting of 19 states and four territories. From 1823 to 1836, Santa Anna was president, squelching Texas' stand for independence at the Battle of the Alamo during his final year in office. He was later defeated by American forces during the Mexican-American War, and by 1855 he had gone into exile. After Mexico's occupation of the French in the mid-19th century, Porfirio Díaz served as president from 1876 to 1909.Despite ushering in the industrial age and greatly improving the country's infrastructure, Díaz was a dictator who bestowed political favors on the very wealthy citizens, largely ignoring the poor and overthrowing ruthlessly by force. The Mexican people, fed up with the unbalanced distribution of wealth and power, initiated the Mexican Revolution in 1910. The 10-year civil war resulted in at least 2 million losses. Finally, in 1934, Lázaro became Cárdena's president and restored the old ejido system, which established common shared tracts of agricultural land. The system benefited both citizens and the economy. World War II further stimulated the country's development through the development of roads, the construction of factories and the establishment of irrigation systems. Mexico Today Mexico's population has increased sharply since World War II, but the distribution of wealth remains unbalanced. Due to negligible legislative assistance, the poor in general are not able to improve their socioeconomic status. The state of Chiapas exemplifies the problems caused by financial imbalance. In 1994, the Zapatista National Liberation Army stood up to challenge discrimination against Chiapas' poor. Although their rebellion did not succeed, Zapatistas continues to fight against unbalanced land ownership and power distribution, with little success. Further complicating the already problematic social divide is the ever-growing problem of drug trafficking, which has contributed to political and police corruption and helped widen the gap between the elite and the underprivileged. In recent years, the construction of foreign-owned factories and plants (maquiladoras) in some of Mexico's rural areas has helped draw the population away from Mexico City and redistribute some of the country's wealth. The 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) boosted Mexico's economic ties with the United States and Canada, but the Mexican economy remains fragile. Despite its problems, the Mexican economy, with its growing industrial base, abundant natural resources and various service industries, is still important for Latin America.Today, tourism is a major contributor to the Mexican economy. People flock to Mexico from all over the world to try the country's cultural diversity, sunbathe in lush tropical surroundings and take advantage of relatively low prices. tourists make up the majority of visitors to the country. Previously, tourists traveled mainly to Mexico City and the surrounding colonial towns of Mesa Central; Unfortunately, the capital's reputation has suffered due to social and environmental problems, especially high levels of air pollution and crime. Turister strømmer fortsatt til strendene i de verdensberømte feriestedene i Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, Mazatlán, Cancún og Puerto Escondido.Facts & Figures Fullt navn: United Mexican StatesCapital: Mexico City (Distrito Federal)Store byer (befolkning): Mexico by (8.720.916), Ecatepec de Morelos (1.688.258), Guadalajara (1.600.940), Puebla (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.600.940), Puebla (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.600.940), Puebla (1.485.941), Tijuana (1.4 1.410.700), Juárez (1.313.338), León (1.278.087), Zapopan (1.15 5790), Nezahualcóyotl (1.140.528), Monterrey 1.133.814Border-land: Belize og Guatemala i sørøst; U.S. North Size/Region: Total: 758,249 square miles (1,972,550 square kilometers) – Water: 2.5 percentPopulation: 103,263,388 (2005 Census)Independence: Declared 16. 1810 - Recognized by Spain on September 27, 1821Moneunit: PesosFun Facts The three colors of the flag of Mexico have profound significance for the country: green represents hope and victory, whites stand for the purity of Mexican ideals and red brings to mind the blood shed of the country's heroes. The dramatic emblem of the flag is based on the legend of how mexicas (or Aztecs) traveled from Aztlán to find the place where they could establish their empire. The god Huitzilopochtli advised them that a sign—an eagle that devoured a snake on top of a Nopal cactus—would appear to them at the exact place where they would begin construction. On a small island in the middle of a lake, Mexicas came across the stage just as Huitzilopochtli had described it. They immediately settled there and founded the city of Tenochtitlán, which is now Mexico City, the nation's capital. Mexico is the third largest country in Latin America after Brazil and Argentina.At the beginning of the 21st century, Mexico has the largest population of Spanish speakers in the world. With nearly 25 million inhabitants, Mexico City is one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the world. Mexico has the world's second-highest number of Catholics by Brazil.At nearly 2,000 miles, the border between Mexico and the United States is the second-longest in the world, after the U.S.-Canada border. Mexico is located in an area known as the Pacific Ring of Fire. This region, one of earth's most dynamic tectonic regions, is characterized by active volcanoes and frequent seismic activity. The highest point in the country, Citlaltépetl (also called Orizaba) and the active volcano Popocatepetl are among the many volcanic peaks in Mexico. The large ball field in Chichén Itzá Mexico, which was used for sports of the ancient Mayans, is the largest such court world, measuring 166 by 68 meters (545 by 232 feet). The game, which involved elements similar to football and basketball, was played by two teams whose numbers varied according to the region. Tequila, a liquor for which Mexico is famous, is made from the native blue agave plant. Tequila is named after the city where it originated, and is mainly produced near Jalisco, located 65 kilometers northwest of Guadalajara.Mexico is the world's leading producer of silver. An area called the Silver Belt – which includes Guanajuato and Zacatecas in Mesa Central, Chihuahua in Mesa del Norte and San Luis Potosi further east – saw significant mining activity during the colonial era. Mexico City Arena - one of the largest bullfighting venues in the world - seats 50,000. Another 35 venues are located across the country. Landmarks Chichén Itzá Chichén Itzá is an ancient Mayan town located on the Yucatán Peninsula. At its peak, around 600 e.Kr., it was the power center of the region. Many of the original stone palaces, temples and markets remain throughout the city. Teotihuacán Teotihuacán, an ancient city possibly built by Toltecs, is located in the state of Mexico. The city came to power in 150 e.Kr. and was a strong influence on Mayan culture. It is also the location of the world's third largest pyramid, Pirámide del Sol (Pyramid of the Sun). Paquimé Ruins Paquimé, located in the state of Chihuahua, was a cultural center in northern Mexico for over 300 years. At the height of its power in the 13th century, the city's population is thought to have reached 10,000, with most of its inhabitants living in five or six-storey buildings similar to modern apartments. Paquimé had a ceremonial area, temple structures, a ball field, pyramids and effigy mounds, including one that resembled a cross with perfect astronomical orientation. Turkeys and parrots were kept in special cages, possibly to deliver feathers used for ceremonial and personal ornament. Cuarenta Casas Cuarenta Casas (Forty Houses) is a cliff dwelling located in the state of Chihuahua and discovered by the Spaniards around the 16th century. Despite the name, only about a dozen adobe apartments are carved into the west cliff side of a dramatic canyon at La Cueva de las Ventanas (Cave of the Windows). Cuarenta Casas is believed to have been an outlying settlement in Paquimé in the 13th century. Buildings Palacio Nacional Mexico City is home to the three-story Palacio Nacional (National Palace), built in 1563 on the site of aztec head Moctezuma palace. Originally housed the palace all three branches of the government. Today, however, only the executive branch lives there. Palacio Nacional was destroyed by fire twice, once in 1659 and again in 1692. It was reconstructed in 1693 and remains largely unchanged In the early mid-20th century, Diego Rivera painted a collection of large murals on the walls of the palace illustrating Mexico's colorful history. The palace is also home to Mexico's Liberty Bell.Catedral Metropolitana Located on the north side of Mexico City's square, the Catedral Metropolitana is the largest and oldest cathedral in all of Latin America. Construction on the building, which blends Baroque and neoclassical style, began in 1573 and took three centuries to complete. The cathedral has 14 chapels, five altars and many statues, paintings and altarpieces of Christ and the Saints. Ecotourism CortésHavet Cortés, also known as the Gulf of California, is located between the mainland of Mexico and the Baja Peninsula. Located on Isla Partida, one of many sea islands, is Ensenada Grande beach, which many consider to be the most beautiful beach in Mexico. The Cortés Sea contains many unique species of marine life, including mantra-like Flying Mobulas, which can jump from the water and glide through the air, and Vaquita Marina, the most endangered porp of the world. Popocatepetl and IztaccihuatlLocated on the eastern edge of Valle de Mexico, Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl are Mexico's second- and third highest volcanic mountains. Craterless Iztaccihuatl is dormant and a popular place for mountaineering; But Popocatépetl, whose Aztec name means Smoking Mountain, has erupted more than 20 times since the arrival of the Spanish. It continues to spout plumes of gas and ash and is closely monitored by scientists. Popular LocalesMexico City Mexico City, the second largest metropolitan area in the world after Tokyo, is home to many attractions, including the Palacio Nacional and Catedral Metropolitana.AcapulcoWith its golden beaches, tropical jungles and renowned daredevil cliff divers, Acapulco remains the most famous and most popular resort town in Mexico.Baja Peninsula along Mexico's west coast, is known for its long coastline of fine white beaches, peaceful bays and impressive cliffs. Guadalajara

Guadalajara, Jalisco, is rich in Mexican culture. The area has become famous for its locally produced tequila, mariachi music, sombreros, charreadas (rodeos) and the Mexican Hat Dance.Culture People Citizens of Mexico highly value their nation, independence and society. Their culture is a composition of influences handed down by countless civilizations. From the early Mesoamerican civilizations to the various populations living there today, Mexico's citizens have been proud of their heritage and their country. Many rural communities maintain strong allegiance to regions, often referred to as patrias chicas (small homelands). The large number of indigenous languages and customs in these regions, especially in the south, highlights natural cultural differences. However, the indigenismo (ancestral pride) movement in the 1930s played an important role in unscrewing the country national pride among the different populations. The family remains among the most important elements of Mexican society, both in private and public life. From childhood to old age, a person's status and opportunities are strongly affected by family ties. Many households, in both rural and urban areas, are inhabited by three or more generations because of the economic advantage (or necessity) of sharing one roof. Mexicans generally establish strong ties with family members, including in-laws and friends of the family, who are generally considered aunts and uncles. Older, adults, teenagers and young children often attend parties and dance together. Weddings are generally lavish family-oriented events that are the traditional quinceañera celebrations given in honor of a young woman's 15th birthday. LanguagesThe majority of the Mexican population speaks Spanish, the official national language. However, another 60 indigenous languages are still spoken in Mexico, including Maya in the Yucatán; Huastec in northern Veracruz; Nahuatl, Tarastec, Totonac, Otomi and Mazahua mainly in the Mesa Central region; Zapotec, Mixtec and Mazatec in Oaxaca; and Tzeltal and Tzotzil in Chiapas.Religion Catholicism has become the dominant Mexican religion since was first introduced during Spanish colonization in the 16th century. Currently, more than 75 percent of Mexico's population is Catholic, making Mexico the second largest Catholic country in the world after Brazil. During the Mexican Revolution of 1917 and the administration of President Plutarco Elías Calles (1924 – 1928), there was a strong anti-clerical movement. This idea became less prevalent between 1940 and 1960. In fact, that era saw a boom in the construction of new churches. Basilica of Guadalupe, built between the 16th and 18th centuries to honor Mexico's patron saint, is located in Mexico City. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people, many of them farmers, travel from near and far to worship at the sanctuary. Although this is probably the most important and beloved religious place in Mexico, thousands of other churches, monasteries, pilgrimages and shrines are found across the country. Mexico's current population consists of Catholics (76.5 percent), Protestants (6.3 percent), Pentecostal friends (1.4 percent) and Jehovah's Witnesses (1.1 percent). A further 14.7 per cent are non-religious or are of other faiths. Holidays Many Mexican holidays are Christians of origin, such as Pre-Lenten Carnival; Semana Santa (Easter Week); Christmas, including Las Posadas (the nine-day celebration beginning December 16); and Día de los Reyes (Three Kings Day), which celebrates Epiphany. Mexican children receive most of the season's gifts and toys at the Día de los Reyes.December 12, El Día de la Virgen De Guadalupe, Mexico honors its patron saint. During January, the city of Morelia celebrates the fiesta of the immaculate conception, and on the 17th. adorned with flowers and ribbons for the fiesta of San Antonio Abad.Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), which happens on November 1, has ancient Aztec and Mesoamerican roots. This day is set aside to remember and honor the lives of the deceased while celebrating the continuation of life. Halloween (October 31) and All Souls' Day (November 2) are also locally important holidays. During this period, families celebrate the spirits of deceased loved ones in various ways, including setting up ofrendas (small altar) in their houses, decorating graves and eating skull-shaped candy (calaveras) and sweet bread. It is a time to celebrate ancestors—whom many believe they can communicate with during these events—and embrace death as natural and inevitable rather than as something to fear. On October 12th each year, the Día de la Raza (Race Day) is celebrated in recognition of the mestizo (mixed) character of Mexico's indigenous and European population. Widely celebrated patriotic events include Independence Day (September 16) and Cinco de Mayo (May 5), which celebrate the Mexican victory over French invaders in 1862.Cuisine Mexican cuisine varies greatly by region, but depends heavily on an ancient trinity of staples: corn (corn), beans and squash. Another staple, rice, is usually served together with beans. Mexicans also tend to make liberal use of avocados (often in the form of guacamole), chili peppers, amaranth, tomatoes, papaya, potatoes, lentils, plantains and vanilla (a flavoring that is pre-Colombian origin). Salt and peppers (often served in a red or green sauce) are the most common spices; corn tortillas complements most main courses. Popular dishes vary by region and individual circumstances, but some of the more liked foods are tortillas (flatbread wraps made from wheat or corn flour), enchiladas, cornflour tamales (cooked in corn shells or banana leaves), burritos, soft-shell tacos, tortas (sandwiches of chicken, pork or cheese and vegetables encased in a hard roll), stuffed chili peppers and quesadillas (tortillas stuffed with soft cheese and meat). Other favorites are soups and spicy stews such as menudo (made from beef intake and fresh vegetables) and pozole (stewed hominy and pork). Seafood dishes such as pulpo (squid), chipachole (spicy crab soup) and ceviche (seafood marinated in lime or lemon juice) are popular in coastal areas. In Oaxaca and some other states, fried and spicy chapulines (locusts) are considered a delicacy. A favorite among nahuatl Indians is huitlacoche (corn mushrooms) served wrapped in fat-fried quesadillas. Among the preferred desserts are sweet bread, chocolate and dulce de leche (caramelized milk), which is also called leche quemada or burnt milk. On the city's sidewalks and streets, small bells announce the approach of paleteros, ambulatory vendors whose small isolated carriages are filled with frozen paletas (popsicle-like treats made from creams or juices) and ice cream. flautas (fried stuffed corn tortillas) are popular with children of all ages. Meals are often washed down with aguas frescas (watery sweet drinks, usually roselle flowers), horchata (a milky rice-based drink) and drinks flavored with watermelon or other fresh fruit. Also popular are licuados (fruit shakes or smoothies). During the Christmas holidays and on The Day of Death, one of the more popular drinks is atole (or atol), a warm combination of corn or rice meal, water and spices. Several famous alcoholic beverages made in Mexico are derived from maguey and agave plants. Maguey – also known as Century Plant – used to make pulque, a cheap drink. The plant was cultivated by many small farmers because it could thrive on barren, rocky soil. Agave, especially the blue agave, is used to make tequila, Mexico's national liquor. The drink takes its name from Tequila, Jalisco, where it originated. Another alcoholic beverage made from agave is mescal, which is produced mainly in Oaxaca.Culture: Arts & Music – Theatre and film – Literary arts and music In all major cities in Mexico, universities and museums provide institutional support for arts and cultural events. Among Mexico's internationally renowned museums are the Museum of Folk Art, the sprawling National Museum of Anthropology and its offshoot, the National Museum of History.Art Post-revolutionary artists Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, Rufino Tamayo and David Alfaro Siqueiros made significant contributions to Mexico's artistic and cultural heritage. Although diverse in their styles and subjects, each of them drew personal and social experiences to create their work, informing the sensitivity of worldwide audiences and inspired generations of young artists. Murals, an ancient art form, adorn the walls of public and private buildings throughout Mexico. Generations of muralists-influenced by artistic legacies traceable to the Aztecs, Mayans and other pre-Spanish civilizations—have added their stories to those of their ancestors, captivating passers-by with evocative figures and landscapes captured in rich colors and bold battles. Diego Rivera, whose mural Man at the Crossroads adorns the lobby of New York's 30 Rockefeller Plaza, is the most famous of Mexico's muralists. His works are also displayed at the Mexican National Palace and the Palace of Fine Arts.Music Music, as food, is a mainstay of Mexican social life. The styles are varied and include both traditional and modern genres. Perhaps the most famous Mexican genre is ranchero. Popularized after the revolution, the rancher came to symbolize the new national consciousness and focuses largely on love, patriotism and nature. Due to its famous themes and rhythms, this song style has become popular with mariachi musicians. The Mariachi groups are highly recognizable in their usual silver-studded charro outfits (cowboy) and wide-brimmed hats, and have enjoyed remarkable commercial success and often featured at festivals, banquets and weddings. Another popular genre is norteño (north), which relies on accordion and 12-string bass guitar for its distinctive stylizations. Recent musical innovations include the banda, which is similar to norteño music, and cumbia, which is heavily influenced by music from the Caribbean islands. Becoming increasingly popular among Mexican youth are modern genres such as pop, hip-hop and rock-musical forms that became popular during the last century in the United States. Theater & Film Mexico has a strong theatrical tradition kept alive by many professional, academic and indigenous groups. Although the theatre's popularity was reduced by the rise of television and film, groups still appear across the country in large and small venues. In Mexico City, theater lovers can visit El Palacio de las Bellas Artes, Mexico City's famous opera house, to see Ballet Folklórico, a famous dance performance that blends different kinds of native music and dance. Some regions have games that tell about events from local history. In other cases, plays drawn from universal themes or celebrate such common concerns in daily life as love, marriage, joy, betrayal and hope. During Semana Santa (the Holy Week from Easter to Palm Sunday), many communities adopt a full passion game that shows the events surrounding the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many of these performances are impressively staged and draw large crowds. Several Mexican actors and filmmakers have been internationally recognized, including directors Alejandro González Iñárritu (Amores Perros, 2000; Babel, 2006), Alfonso Cuarón (Y Tu Mamá También, 2001) and Guillermo del Toro (El Laberinto Del Fauno/Pan's Labyrinth, 2006). Spanish director Luis Buñuel and French surrealist André Breton both spent many years in Mexico, and their influence is seen in the works of current Mexican directors. Based on her 2002 theatrical portrayal by the internationally acclaimed Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salma Hayek became the first Mexican actress to be nominated for an Academy Award.Literature Mexican writers have gained a reputation by dealing with issues of universal importance. One of the most famous is Samuel Ramos, whose philosophical speculation about humanity and the culture of Mexico influenced post-1945 writers in several genres. Many consider Mexico's Octavio Paz to be the foremost poet in Latin America. Carlos Fuentes's novels are honored all over the world, and Juan José Arreola's fantasies are widely admired. Culture: Sport Fútbol (Football) Football is the favorite sport of the vast majority of the population. Unlike other Mexican sports, football can emotionally divide the country, especially when Mexican rivals meet each other. People from all over the country attend matches, which are usually held on Sundays. Winning the coveted Copa Libertadores, the Latin American equivalent of the European Cup, is an honour that motivates both and fans. In 1970, Mexico's Azteca Stadium hosted the World Cup final. This event was one of the most memorable in sports history when Pele and his Brazilian team won for the third time, making them the first country ever to win the tournament more than twice. Mexico hosted the event again in 1986.Famous footballers from Mexico include Hugo Sanchez, Cuatemoc Blanco, Rafael Marques, Alberto Medina, Omar Bravo, Enrique Borja, Antonio Carvajal, Manolo Negrete, Jorge Gutierrez, Luis Flores, Salvador Reyes, Horacio Casarin, Alberto García Aspe, Jorge Campos and Luis Garcia.Boxing Mexico's boxing tradition is well established and it has been home to some of the world's most famous warriors , including : Carlos Zarate, Vincente Saldivar, Salvador Sanchez, Erik Morales, Ricardo Lopez and Julio Cesar Chavez, who is considered one of the greatest sports heroes in Mexican history. CharreadaA charreada is a Mexican-style rodeo. Unlike american rodeo where participants are awarded prizes according to how quickly they perform, charreada focuses primarily on style and skill. In a circular arena about 40 meters (44 meters) in diameter, Mexican cowboys and cowgirls wearing traditional charro (cowboy) clothing participate in a variety of events involving bulls and horses. Today's charros are ranchers, businesspeople and professionals who share an interest in preserving Mexico's charreada traditions. Baseball along the Gulf of Mexico and in the northern Mexican states, baseball is very popular. The Mexican Professional League has been named the League Mexicana de Béisbol, and the season runs from March to July with the playoffs held in August. Equally popular is liga Mexicana del Pacífico, a high-level winter league with players from Japan, Korea and the United States. The champion of this league participates in the Caribbean Series with teams from Venezuela, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Bullfighting Also known as fiesta brava, bullfighting has been popular in Mexico for the past 400 years. Like Spanish bullfighters, Mexican matadors perform specific moves, occasionally using a piece of red cloth to attract a bull in a graceful way. Bullfighting is often preceded by festivities such as rodeos, pig chases and dances. Lucha Libre Mexican style professional wrestling, called Lucha Libre (free fight) embraces all styles of wrestling: submission, high flying comedy and brawling. The sport achieves an extraordinary level of artistic expression through costuming and bravado performance. El Santo, possibly the most famous Lucha Libre wrestler, often starred in movies, wore his silver mask throughout his life and was eventually buried in it. Other famous Luchadores include The Blue Demon, Mil Máscaras and Rey Mysterio, who eventually moved on to American wrestling where he became even better known. The United States of Mexico consists of 31 states and one federal district. 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