ANSWER KEY

**Political Systems of Latin America**

Study Guide

1. How is power distributed in each of the following government systems:

* Unitary: A central government assigns power and duties to smaller units of government within the country
* Confederate: power lies with the governments of the members
* Federal: divides power between the central government and smaller units such as states

2. Name four countries that have unitary government systems:

Bolivia, Cuba, France, Great Britain

3. Describe the citizen participation in each of the following forms of government:

* Autocracy: no citizen participation
* Oligarchy: little to no citizen participation
* Democracy: citizens vote for leaders and laws

4. Which form of government puts the power of the government in a single person?

Autocracy

5. List examples of parliamentary democracies:

* UK
* Canada
* Australia

6. List examples of presidential democracies:

* US
* Mexico
* Brazil

7. Draw an illustration that represents the relationship between literacy rate and standard of living:

(Two arrows both pointing up)

8. What system of government exists in the following countries:

* Brazil: federal
* Cuba: unitary
* Mexico: federal

9. List three ways that the governments of Mexico and the US are similar:

* Federal system
* Presidential democracy
* President is the chief executive

10. How many political parties does Cuba have?

Only one legal political party

11. In which country (Brazil, Cuba, or Mexico) do citizens have the **least** amount of freedom?

Cuba