

Lesson ideas for geography teachers to share: the Americas

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000b1k0/the-americas-with-simon-reeve-series-1-episode-4>

Activity

Watch episode 4 on US-Mexican immigration in the series the Americas with Simon Reeve. Answer the following.

1. How long is the Rio Grande?
2. How many Hispanics live in America?
3. How long is the border?
4. Why do people try to cross?
5. What happened in one month in 2019?
6. What two things do the Cartels traffic across the border?
7. Who controls the border city of Reynosa?
8. What does Victor say Mexico won't get without security?
9. How many are killed each year by Cartel violence in Mexico?
10. What does America classify the state of Tamaulipas as?
11. How big is the Mexican population?
12. 5 million cars are produced each year in Mexico. Why do car companies love Mexico?
13. How big is the economy?
14. In Chiapas, what does Simon Reeve say about indigenous Mexicans?
15. How low is the level of prosperity in Chiapas?
16. What do local people complain about in San Cristóbal?
17. For the Lacandon indigenous people, what is the rainforest?
18. What are the new threats to the Lacandon indigenous people?

Suggested further reading

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/06/12/us-unauthorized-immigrant-population-2017/>

1. What has changed in US-Mexican immigration?
2. Where are the rising numbers of migrants from?