The Americas: Essay and Discussion Questions

Understand
1. What role did slavery play in building the countries of the Americas?
2. In what ways has colonialism shaped the region?
3. In what ways does China shape the economy and geopolitics of the region?

Analyze
4. What has stayed consistent about U.S. foreign policy toward the rest of the Americas? What has changed over time?
5. How have the experiences of indigenous people in the United States differed from the experiences of those in Latin America?
6. How is immigration presenting challenges to countries in the region?
7. How is drug-related crime affecting the region?

Evaluate
8. The United States is sometimes criticized for being overly interventionist in the Americas. Do you think this criticism is warranted? Why or why not?
9. To what extent is democracy under threat in the region?