

Freedom for South America



- Ferdinand and Bolivar played tennis at the royal palace in Madrid, Spain.
- Argentina was one of the first countries to declare independence from Spain.
- Venezuela also wanted its independence. But Spain wasn't ready to give up on it so easily. Spain sent soldiers to the coast of Venezuela.
- When Ferdinand of Spain sent his troops to South America, Bolivar fled to Jamaica, owned by Britain.
- Bolivar looked to Haiti for help. Haiti gave him ships and soldiers.
- San Martin knew that Lima was one of the key cities to Spain's hold on South America.
- La Republica de Colombia was made of three territories - New Granada, Venezuela and Quito. These states, like Argentina, also wanted to be independent of Spain's control.

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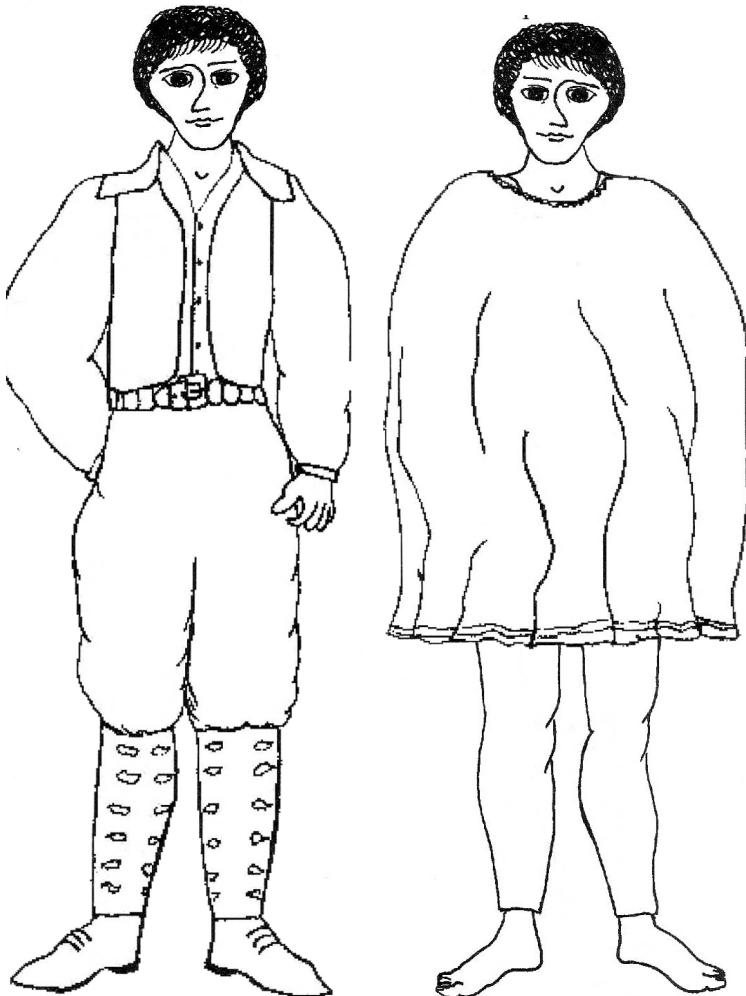
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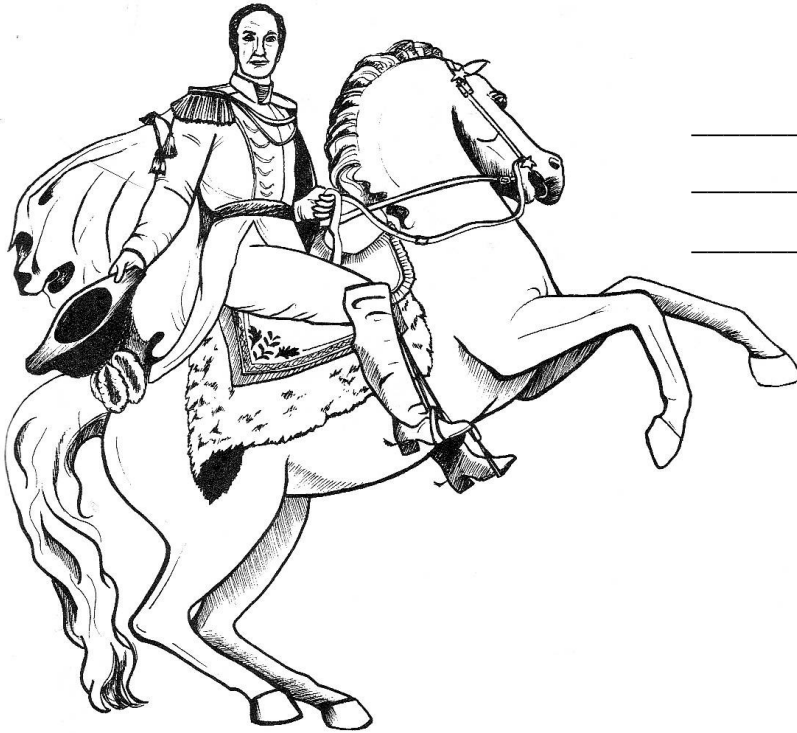
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The South American cowboys (gauchos) roamed the plains of Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. They played an important part in Simón Bolívar's victories by joining the battles at critical times.

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