

Can you match the country with the meaning of its name?

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| _____ Argentina   | 1. An early Spanish explorer named this part of Central America "depths" because of the deep ocean off its coast.  |
| _____ Bolivia     | 2. Part of this country is bordered by the Río de la Plata ("River of Silver"). Its name comes from the Latin word for silver, <i>argentum</i> .                                     |
| _____ Colombia    | 3. This country – which Christopher Columbus never reached – was named in his honor.   |
| _____ Costa Rica  | 4. The Equator runs through this small South American country, and gives it its name.  |
| _____ Ecuador     | 5. This country was named for a Venezuelan general who helped it and some other countries win freedom from Spain   |
| _____ El Salvador | 6. Native villages built on stilts in Lake Maracaibo reminded Spanish explorers of Venice, Italy (which has canals instead of streets), so they named the area "Little Venice".      |
| _____ Honduras    | 7. "Rich Port" first meant the city of San Juan, but is now the name of the whole island.  |
| _____ Peru        | 8. This country was named for Jesus the Savior, and its capital translates as "Holy Savior."   |
| _____ Puerto Rico | 9. Columbus named this area "Gold Coast" for gold ornaments worn by the native people. It was later changed to "Rich Coast."   |
| _____ Uruguay     | 10. Birú – either the name of a small river or the native chief who lived nearby – was the source of this country's name.  |
| _____ Venezuela   | 11. This small country was named for the river which is its western border. It means "bird tail" in an Indian language, after a waterfall which spreads out like the tail of a bird. |

Not one of the 50 states, but its residents are United States citizens. \_\_\_\_\_

Called "Crossroads of the World" because it is the location of the canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. \_\_\_\_\_

Caribbean island known for sugar and cigars. \_\_\_\_\_

Northernmost country of Latin America. \_\_\_\_\_