

## Cultural Fragments (NI-CR-PA)

1 - Mola, a native word for \_\_\_\_\_ (5) is an article of clothing worn by women as part of a traditional costume and consist of geometric designs and natural colors.

2 - Abolishing the country's army during his \_\_\_\_\_ (5) term in office, José Maria Hipólito Figueres Ferrer also granted women and blacks voting rights and nationalized the banking sector. Since this time, Costa Rica has had no army, only a national police consisting of 7,500 people for a population of over four million.

3 - The Macho Ratón is a theatrical masked dance which stemmed from Spain's \_\_\_\_\_ (10) literary style. These types of novels usually depict a low class rogue as the protagonist who tries to live off his wits amongst corruption.

4 - With a surface area that appears to span like the sea, this fresh water lake known to locals as Lago \_\_\_\_\_ (9) is the second largest lake in Latin America. This lake is connected to the Caribbean Sea and is home to the only fresh water sharks in the world.

5 - Rubén Darío is a famous poet who initiated the modernism movement in Spanish-American literature. In July 1888 he published one of his most notable works entitled \_\_\_\_\_ (4).

6 - One of the only buildings to survive the 1972 earthquake, the National Palace was designed by Pablo \_\_\_\_\_ (7) and was home to the Congress. The Palace now houses the National Archive, National Library and National Museum.

7 - A notable industrial center, Masaya is a large producer of shoes, clothes, fiber, cigars, leather products, soap and starch. There is also a neighborhood dedicated to producing \_\_\_\_\_ (8)

8 - The National Theater of Costa Rica is considered the finest building in the capital and took six years to construct, with completion in 1897. The theater is limited to high quality performances and thus has a very selective process for admittance to perform. The first performance was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's \_\_\_\_\_ (5).

9 - On October 22, 2006, the Panamanian citizens approved a proposal to expand the Panama Canal. This project was expected to \_\_\_\_\_ (6) the Canal's size and construction officially began on September 3, 2007.

10 - Humpback whales, pilot whales and several different kinds of dolphins are only some of the \_\_\_\_\_ (5) thousand marine life species that call Costa Rica home. With this incredible diversity, its no wonder that tourists take advantage of the sunset sailing tours, wildlife watching excursions and catamarans.

11 - According to Dr. John Hoopes, an anthropologist at the University of Kansas, the stone spheres of Costa Rica were carved between 200 BC and 1500 AD. These spheres are located on the \_\_\_\_\_ (6) delta and are the best known stone sculptures of the Isthmo-Colombian area.

12 - A nine year old boy in a small rural town in \_\_\_\_\_ (6), Roland Teinsuu, began the campaign to raise money to save the rainforest. With the help of his teachers, classmates and a handful of others, he was able to buy six acres of a tropical rainforest in Costa Rica. Today de park has more than 54.000 acres

13 - The Tamborito, a \_\_\_\_\_ (8) couples dance, is the national song and dance of Panama. This dance is performed in costume in front if a participating audience. This dance is most commonly performed at Carnival.

14 - A common name for a Costa Rican is \_\_\_\_\_ (4). This is not only how they refer to themselves, but also how the are referred to by those of other Spanish speaking countries.

15 - With a vocational enumeration including singer, songwriter, actor, lawyer, jazz musician and politician, Rubén Blades's song \_\_\_\_\_ (6) is considered the second national anthem of Panama.

16 - Volcanic activity is said to have preserved several ancient footprints near Lake \_\_\_\_\_ (7) which have been found to be 6000 years old. Several theories exist as to the origin of the foot prints but there is no conclusive evidence to validate any one theory. These footprints are now housed in a museum with Pre-Columbian tools and other artifacts.

17 - Resembling a guitar, the \_\_\_\_\_ (10) is a primary instrument in the folklore music of Panama. There is also an annual folklore festival which bears this instrument's name.

18 - The Caribbean coast of Panama is home to several fortresses guarding the town of Portobelo. These fortresses served as the defensive system for the transatlantic trade of the Crown of Spain. One of the main fortresses is Fort San Lorenzo located in the providence of \_\_\_\_\_ (5).