

## Cultural Fragments (VE)

- 1 - The largest Venezuelan island in the Caribbean Sea is Margarita Island, and is one of the top vacation spots for Venezuelans. El Yaque Beach, on the southern part of the island, is internationally known for its \_\_\_\_\_ (11) and kite surfing.
- 2 - The dunes of coro are located in Médanos Park on the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) of Médanos. Since this area is mainly desert, there is not much more than brush and shrubs in the way of flora.
- 3 - The statue of the god of waters \_\_\_\_\_ (8), goblets, and two rows of light poles help define the monument in Fort Tiuna called the Paseo de los Proceres. This monument contains statues of the heroes from Venezuela's independence.
- 4 - The Baralt Theater, originally built in an \_\_\_\_\_ (6) architectural style in 1877, was torn down and rebuilt in a neoclassical style. The new theater was also expanded to an inclined audience, three balconies, amongst other more modern features.
- 5 - At the summit of Mount Roraima you will find a milestone, marking the triple boarder between Venezuela, Brazil and \_\_\_\_\_ (6). With it's almost vertical walls, it was nearly impossible to scale the plateau, thus, there was much speculation as to what was atop the plateau. In his book, The Lost World, by Arthur Conan Doyle, it was speculated that dinosaurs lived atop.
- 6 - Dominated by coral reefs, \_\_\_\_\_ (9) and seagrass beds, Los Roques National Park, is the largest marine park in the Caribbean Sea. The Park is home to some of the most spectacular coral reefs making it a perfect spot for divers.
- 7 - The \_\_\_\_\_ (10) canal is a natural canal which connects the southern half of the Orinoco River, one of the longest rivers in South America, with the Rio Negro and ultimately connects with the Amazon River.
- 8 - The worst national disaster in the history of Venezuela were the December 1999 mudslides which took place on the coast of \_\_\_\_\_ (6). More than ten thousand lives were claimed by the mudslides, buildings were destroyed and tens of thousands more were left homeless.
- 9 - Founded in 1843 by immigrants from what is now part of Germany, La Colonia Tovar is known for maintaining its cultural connections with its German \_\_\_\_\_ (11). The economy of the colony depends primarily on tourism and agriculture and is known for its temperate crops.
- 10 - Humberto Fernández-Morán, known for inventing the diamond \_\_\_\_\_ (5), also advanced the development of the electromagnetic lense, used for electron microscopes. With his assistance, electron microscopes are now able to obtain the highest resolution possible.
- 11 - Jesús Rafael Soto is a renowned kinetic artist, sculptor and painter who began painting cinema posters as a boy in his hometown of \_\_\_\_\_ (7) City. He has created interactive sculptures consisting of hanging tubes through which observers can walk.
- 12 - The Dancing Devils of Yare is a Pagan-Christian celebration that takes place every Corpus \_\_\_\_\_ (7), or nine days after Holy Thursday. During the festivities a ritual dance is performed by the "Dancing Devils" who wear all red and grotesque masks.
- 13 - A gothic-style colonial building, the Palace of the Academies has served several different purposes since being built in 1577. The building was originally constructed as a convent to house the \_\_\_\_\_ (10) monks.
- 14 - Venezuela's name means "Little Venice", a deviation of the word Veneziola. The aboriginal houses, which were constructed on wooden stilts, known as \_\_\_\_\_ (9), above water reminded Américo Vespuccio, the individual who named the country, of the houses in Venice.
- 15 - The Guri Dam is the third largest hydroelectric dam in the world, behind the Three Gorges Dam in China and the \_\_\_\_\_ (6) binational complex in Brazil and Paraguay. In 2000, a ongoing refurbishment project was enacted to extend the operation of the dam by 30 years.
- 16 - The most popular sport in Venezuela is \_\_\_\_\_ (8), which came to the country in the 1920s from immigrants from the United States. The country also follows the US Major League games.
- 17 - The Joropo is a Venezuelan type of music similar to a waltz, and "Alma Llanera" a popular song of this style, is considered the countries unofficial national anthem. Joropo is played with a \_\_\_\_\_ (4), maracas, a bandola and a cuatro.
- 18 - Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall, is in the Canaima National Park and drops over the edge of the \_\_\_\_\_ (10) Mountain. Most of the water is dissipated as mist before it reaches ground. The water that does reach ground falls into the Kerep River.