Challenge 4: Using Geography Skills to Answer "Why There?"

Question	Circle the thematic map you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.
1	(Physical Features) Climate Zones Vegetation Zones Population Density (Economic Activity) Most of the precious metals in Latin America are found in **Mexico, Peru, Bolivia,** and **Chile**. All of these countries have lots of **mountains**.
2	(Physical Features) Climate Zones Vegetation Zones Population Density (Economic Activity) The following physical and economic factors help explain why Paraguay has one of the poorest economies of Latin American countries south of the equator: —**Nearly half its land has little or no economic activity.** —**It has no significant resources.** —**It has no direct access to the Atlantic or Pacific oceans.**
3	Physical Features (Climate Zones)(Vegetation Zones) Population Density (Economic Activity) Brazil, **Argentina,** and **Mexico** have the most land devoted to livestock raising. **Brazil** might be best for livestock raising because it has both **tropical grassland vegetation** and a **tropical wet and dry climate**. Argentina has lots of temperate grassland, but like Mexico, much of its climate is **arid** or **semiarid,** which means very little water.
4	Physical Features (Climate Zones) Vegetation Zones (Population Density)(Economic Activity) **Over 8 million people** live in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Buenos Aires is in an area where there is **trade and manufacturing,** providing lots of jobs. Large areas of **commercial farming** and **livestock raising** surround it, so there is plenty of food grown and raised nearby. It has a **humid subtropical climate,** which is not an extreme climate for people to live in.
5	(Physical Features) Climate Zones Vegetation Zones (Population Density)(Economic Activity) **Managua, Nicaragua** is one good choice. There are enough local people to hire as workers. The area has precious metal resources and easy access to the Pacific Ocean for shipping to Asia, as well as to the Isthmus of Panama and the Panama Canal for access to the Atlantic Ocean and Europe.
6	(Physical Features)(Climate Zones) Vegetation Zones (Population Density)(Economic Activity) I think this person lives in **Cuba** because **Havana,** Cuba's major city, has **1–4 million people**. The land in Cuba is primarily used for **commercial farming,** though there is also **commercial fishing** off its coastline. Cuba is an island and thus has thousands of miles of **coastline**. It has no high mountains. The climate in Cuba is **tropical wet and dry**.