Notes on Teaching about the Geography of MEXICO, A Land of Vibrant Color

Mexico is shaped like a long triangle, pointing to South America. In the north it is a wide land with many hundreds of miles of cactus country stretching between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean. But the southern part of the country narrows as it meets the Central American states.

Mexico is a place of ups and downs. Some of the Sierra Madre Mountains are breathtakingly steep and rugged while others are planted in orderly plots of crops. The climate, too, has its ups and downs. From a cool mountain road surrounded by pine forests you can look down upon warm and humid banana groves. Unlike California, Mexico is wet in the summer and dry in the winter.

The mountains of Mexico contain gold, silver and other precious metals. The coastal lands on the Gulf produce oil. And the rich farmland produces a wealth of fruits and vegetables including corn, mangos, guavas, cotton, sugar cane and cocoa.

Mexico is a land of vibrant color. Its trees are filled with the colorful plumage of a variety of birds, brilliant colored flowers cascade across the land and the green of the foliage blends well with the azure of the ocean and the darker blue of the sky. All of this is echoed in the local markets where rugs, pottery and clothing celebrate the Mexicans love of color.