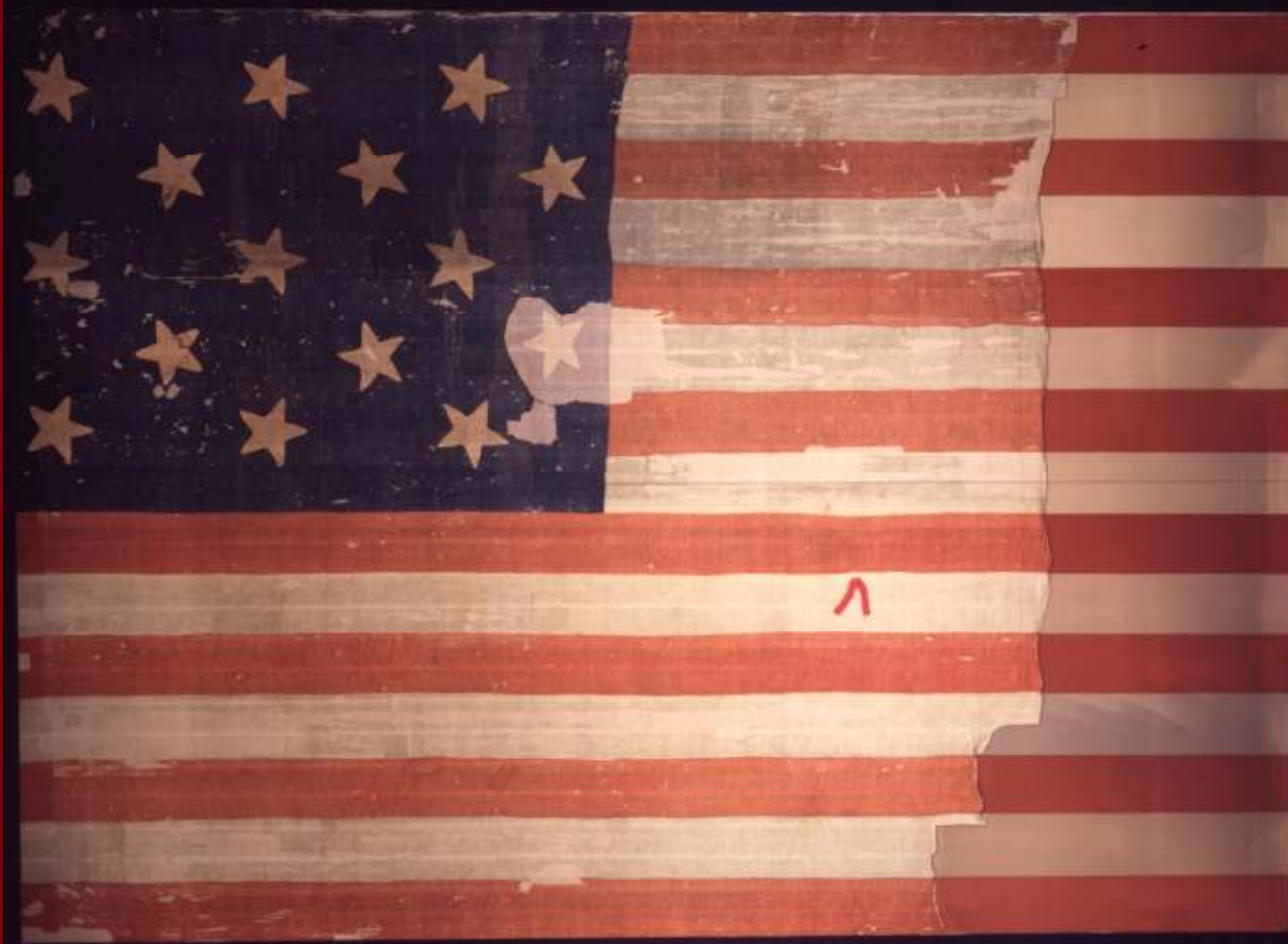


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The Geographic Setting



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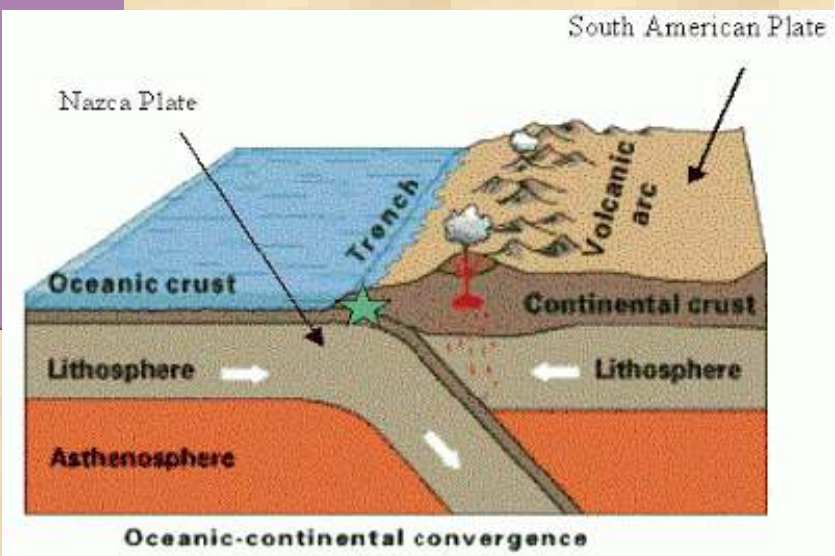
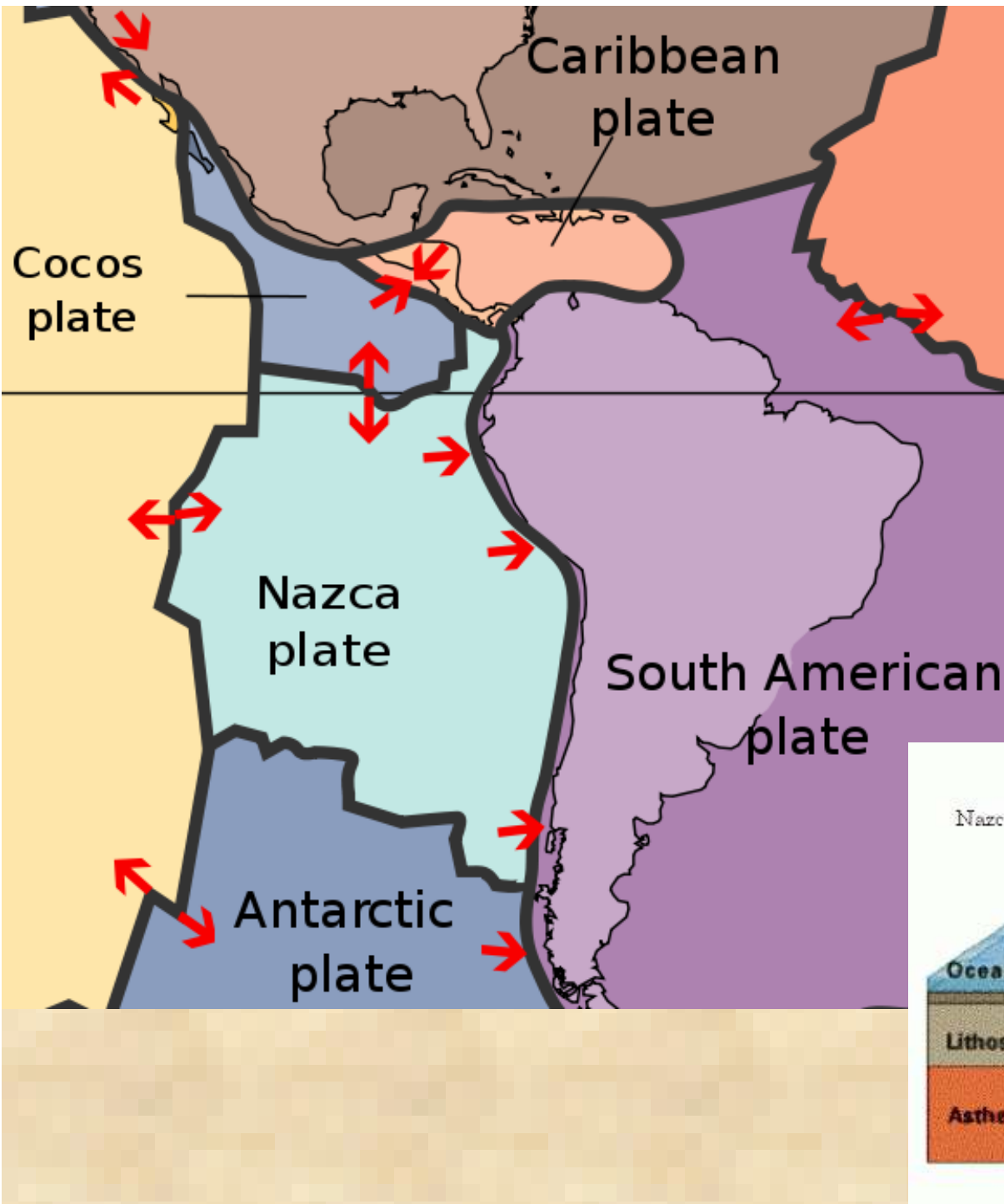
Central America

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Caribbean

**Why not
Latin America?**

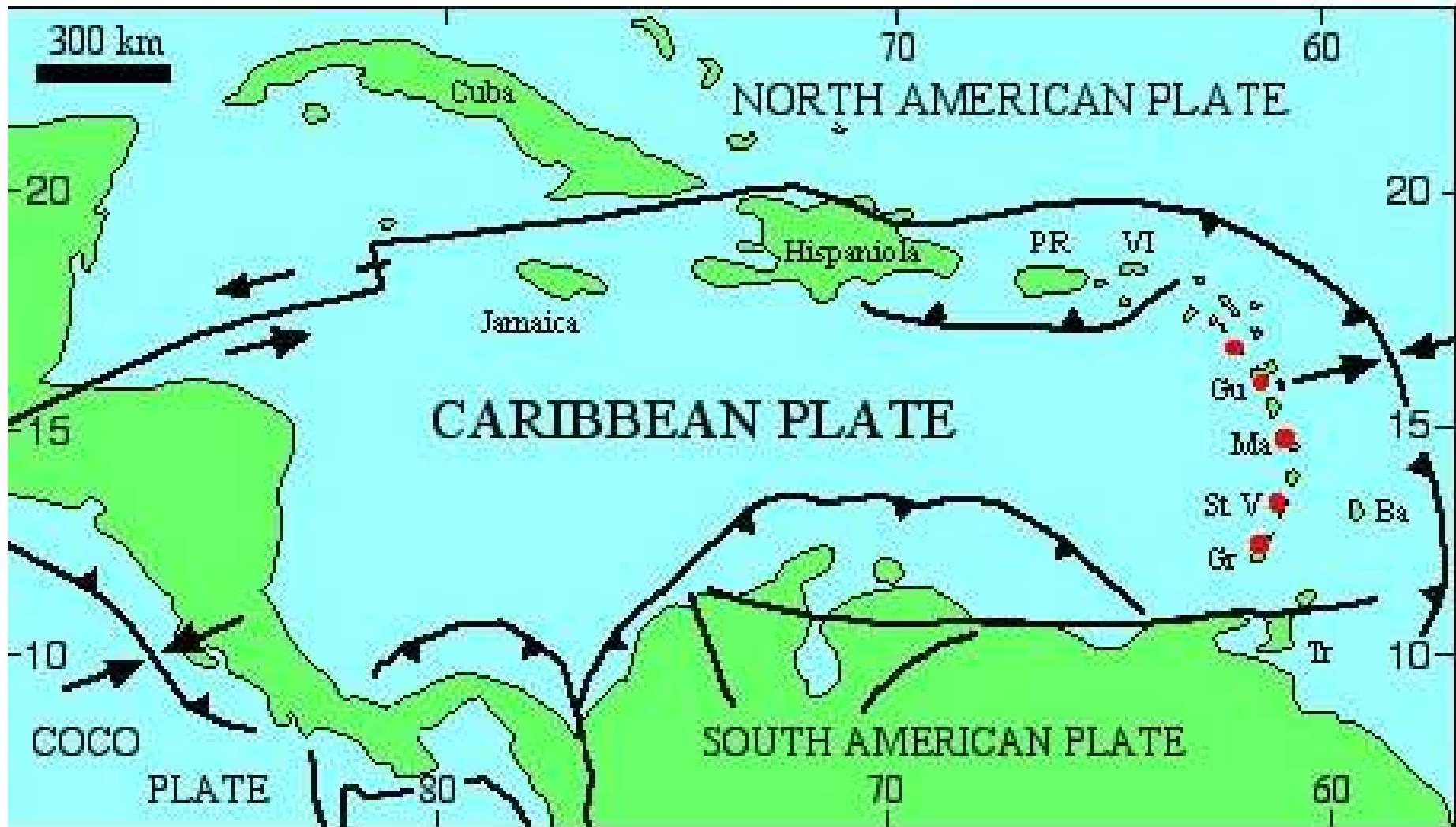
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Sources of Shallow Earthquakes

- Recent volcanic eruptions in the eastern Caribbean, from north to south:
 - Soufriere Hills, Montserrat (1995-1998)
 - Soufriere, Guadalupe (1976-1977)
 - Mount Pelee, Martinique (1902, 1929)
 - Soufriere, St. Vincent (1902, 1971-1979)
 - Kick-em Jenny, Grenada (submarine)
- Convergent plate boundary
- Transform plate boundary
- Divergent plate boundary

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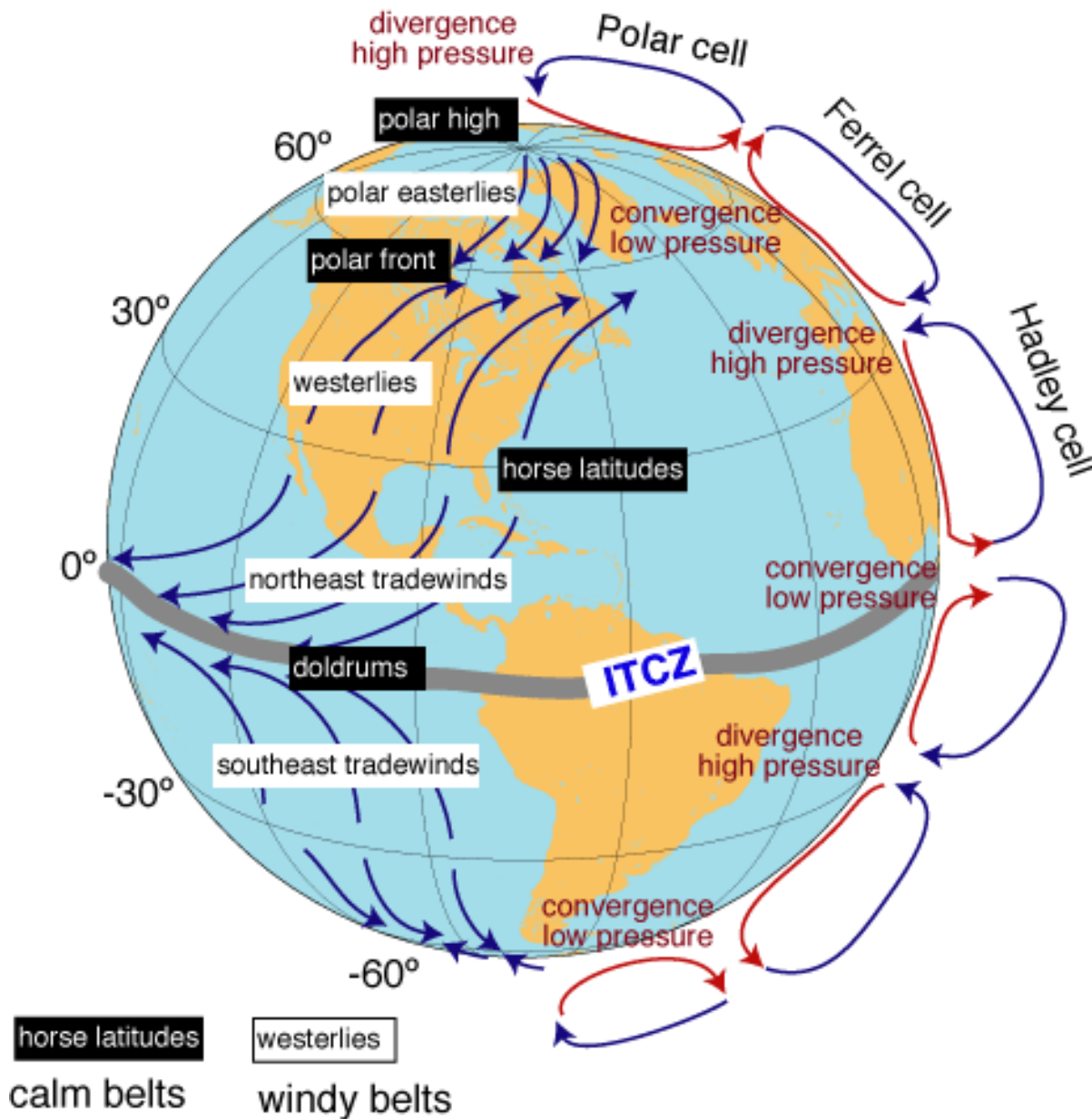


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Convection Cells and Prevailing Surface Winds



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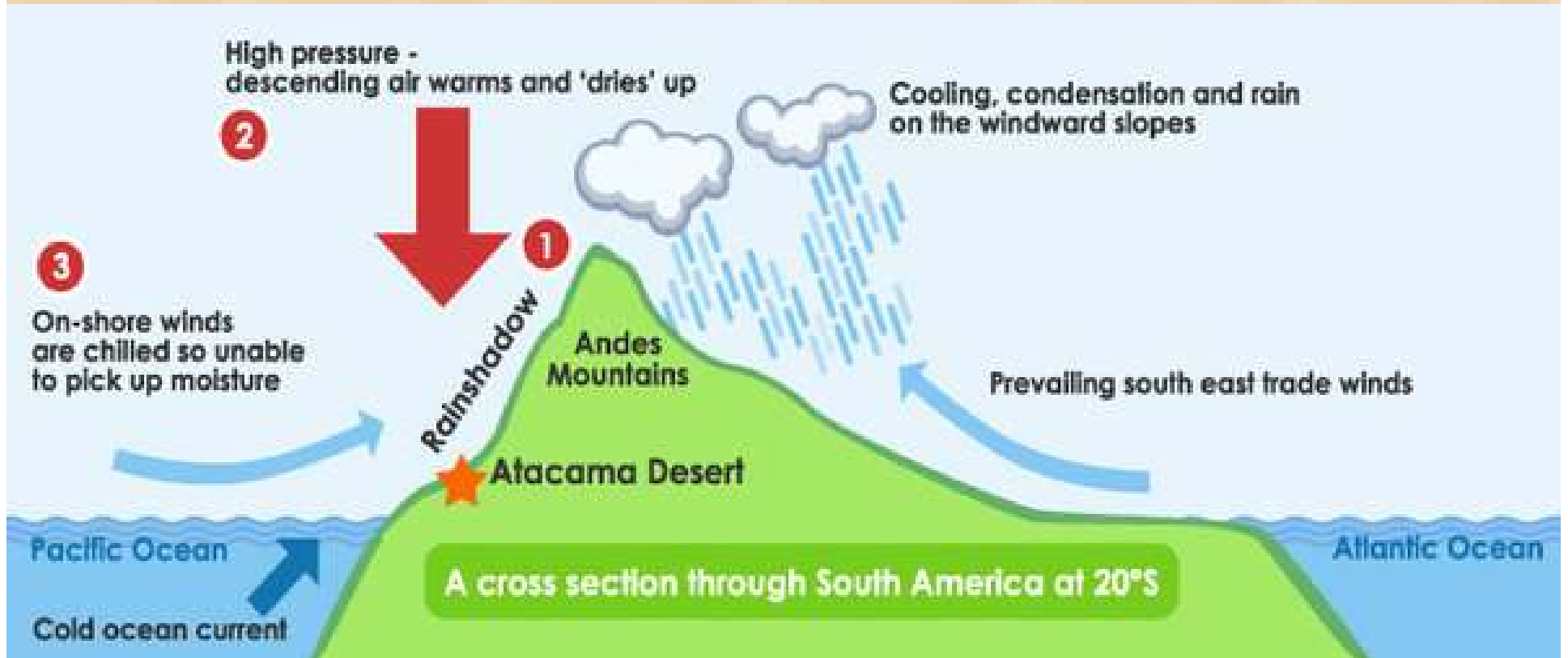
NE Trades
“heavy seasonal rain”
(hurricanes)

SE Trades
“bring rain”

Text: Rain Shadow (p. 105)
“The Andes block winds off the Atlantic.”

Not quite right!

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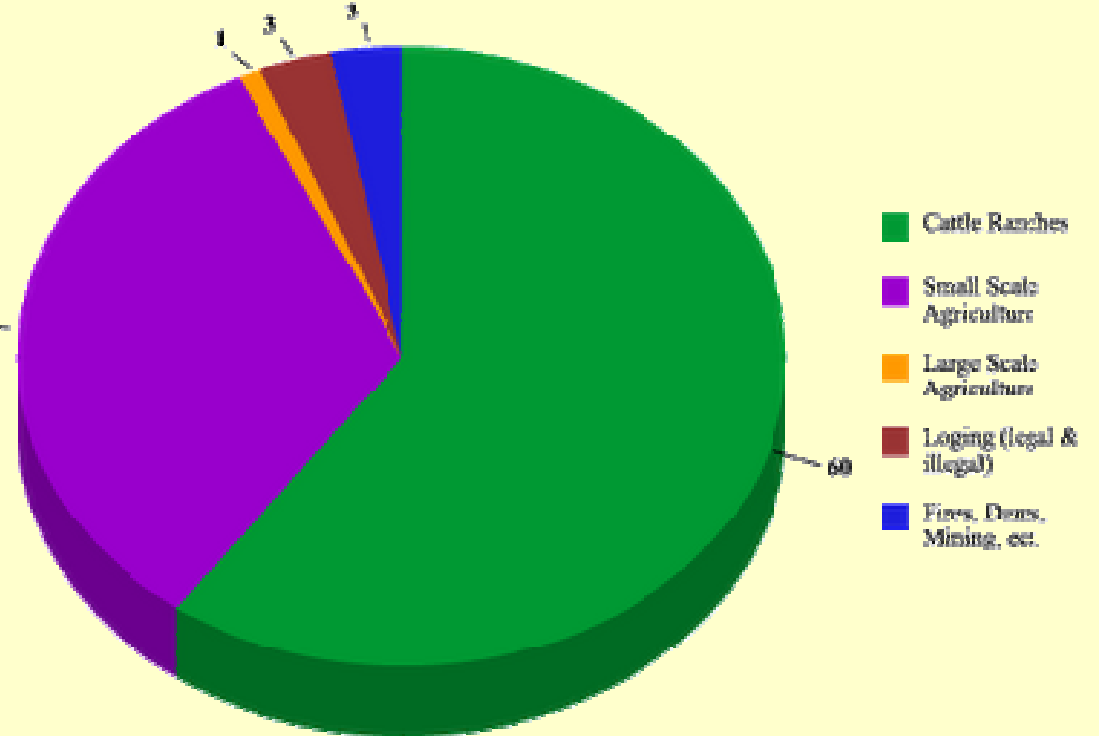
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Amazon (+)
Rainforests

Causes of
Deforestation?

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Amazon (+) Rainforests Deforestation



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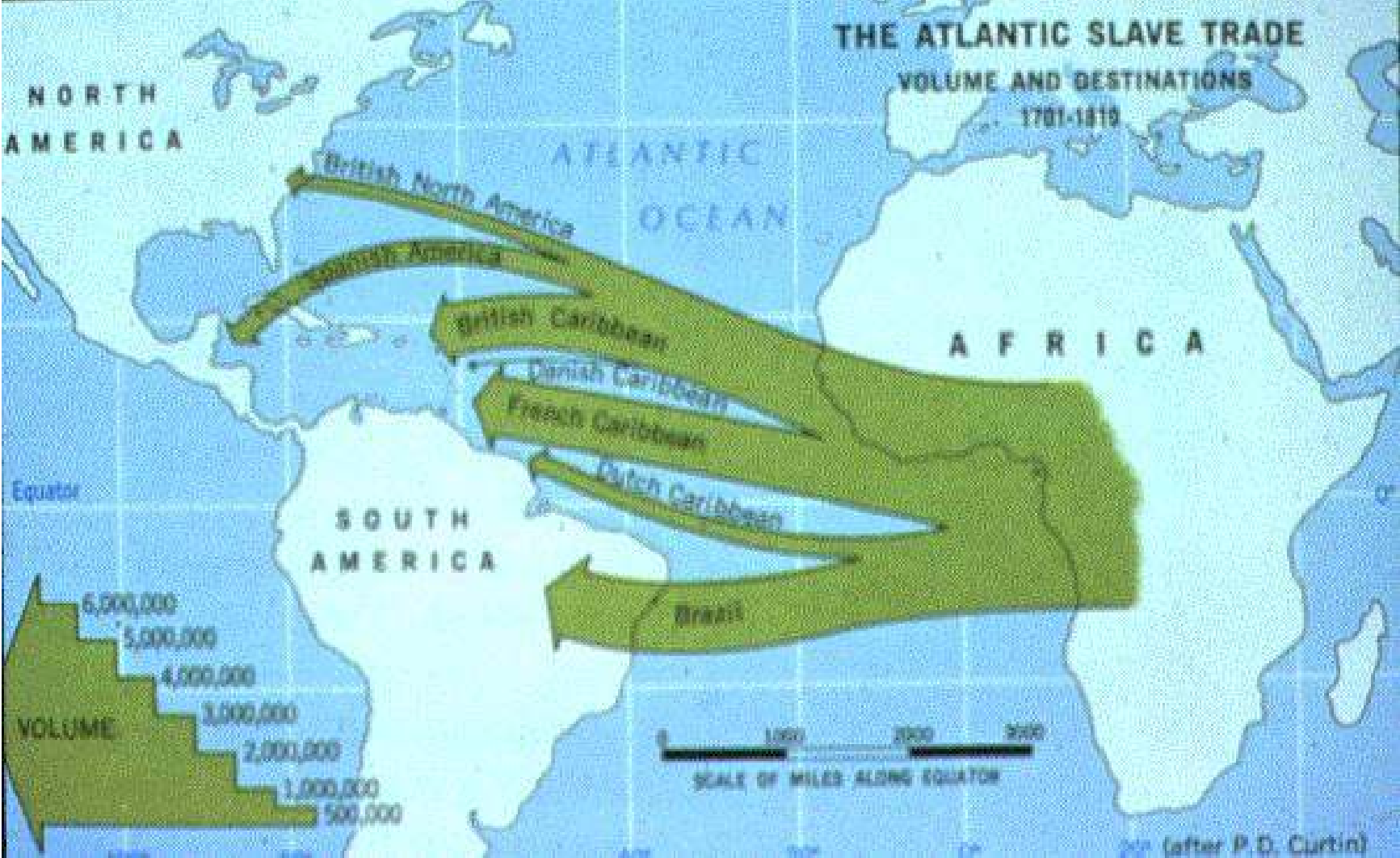
**Hunter-gatherers
25,000 – 14,000 BP**

**By 1492 population
50-100 million**

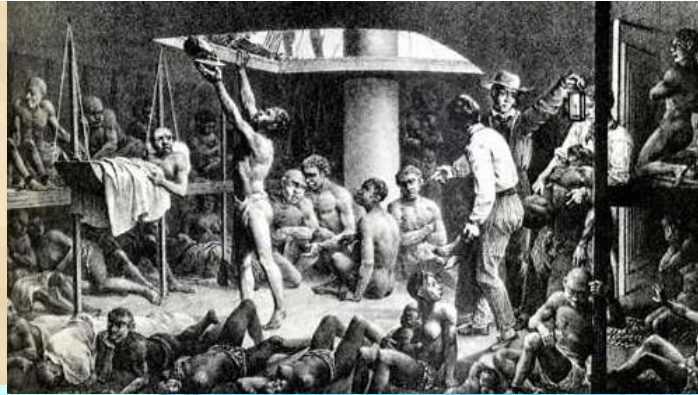
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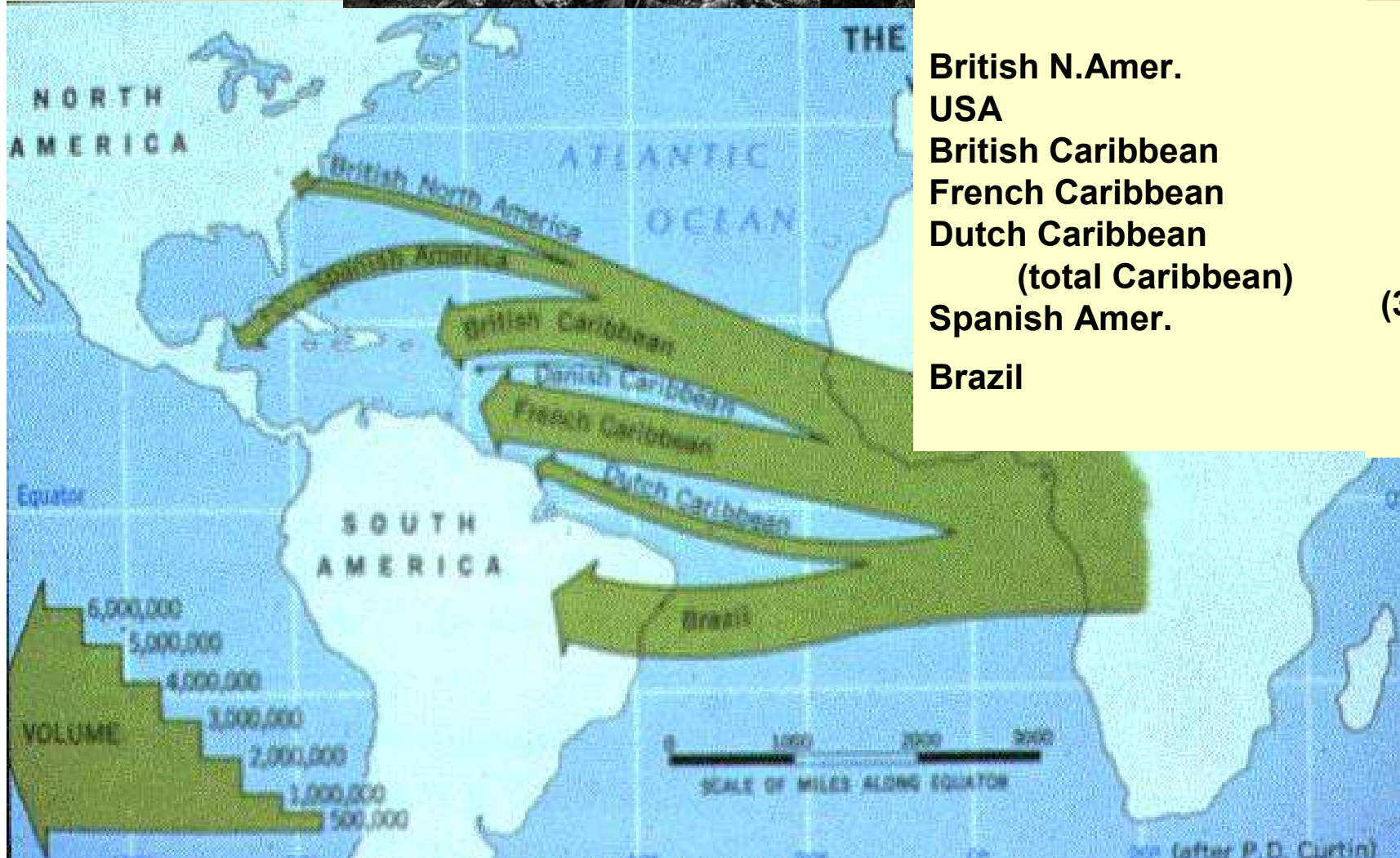
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British N.Amer.	275,000
USA	124,000
British Caribbean	1,665,000
French Caribbean	1,600,000
Dutch Caribbean	500,000
(total Caribbean)	(3,765,000)
Spanish Amer.	1,552,000
Brazil	3.646,000

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