Central America and the West Indies: Activity 2

Identifying Island Countries of the West Indies

The islands of the West Indies lie between Florida and the coast of South America. The West Indies include the Bahamas, the Greater Antilles, and the Lesser Antilles.

A. DIRECTIONS: Locating Places Study the map below. Locate and circle the names of the following island groups: the Bahamas, the Greater Antilles, and the Lesser Antilles.

B. DIRECTIONS: Completion Use the information on the map and in your textbook to complete the following statements.

1. ____________ is the largest and most populated island and lies about 90 miles south of Florida.

2. Most of the West Indies lie south of the ____________, an imaginary line that forms the northern edge of the tropics.

3. ____________ shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.

4. Many of the people who live on ____________ speak Creole, a mix of English and French.

5. In 1952 ____________ became a commonwealth of the United States.