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Unit 5: Mexico Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Performance Based Assessment

**SOCRATIC SEMINAR**

**Topic: Democratization in Mexico Date of Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**FOCUS QUESTION**

Political scientists have debated over the definition of democracy. At a minimum, democracy is defined as having free and competitive elections. The process by which a country becomes more democratic, and moves from a procedural to substantive or liberal democracy, is known as democratization. While Mexico has experienced democratization in the past 25 years, it is unclear whether or not it has achieved the status of a liberal democracy. ***Can Mexico currently be considered a liberal democracy?***

**SPARKING QUESTIONS**

* What conditions must be present for a country to be considered a liberal democracy?
* What role, if any, does economic liberalization play in moving toward a liberal democracy?
* How do the most recent elections provide support for or against Mexico being a liberal democracy?
* Are there any human rights or civil liberties concerns in Mexico that would hamper democratization?

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**Analysis/Analysis of Articles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/15 pts**

**Additional Source/Analysis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5pts**

**Socratic Seminar Participation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10pts**

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/30pts**

**Open Ended Questions: (Please copy them here from your article analysis sheet)**

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