Español 2 - Unidad 3 – La cultura – Puerto Rico

Instrucciones: Fill out the following notes sheet based on the cultural activities online. This follows the online activity in order by section. Make sure to hold on to this paper to study, as this information will be part of the exam! This can also be used as a backup should you lose internet connection while working.

Vocabulario Importante:
Write the English meaning of the following words.
• Taino: Native tribe of Puerto Rico
• Boricua: __________________________
• un timbal: ________________________
• el vejigante: folkloric character in Puerto Rican celebrations, wearing brightly colored ornate masks.
• un desfile: ________________________
• una máscara: ______________________
• indígena: _________________________

Datos generales y geográficos:
• Capital of Puerto Rico: __________________________
• Typical food: ____________________________
• Geographical form: an island
• Surrounding sea: __________________________
• Countries to the West: _____________________
• Countries to the South: Venezuela (South America)
• Currency used: __________________________
• Official languages: _______________________ and _________________________
• Puerto Rico is ___________________ of the US. They maintain their historic and cultural identity while still being US citizens.
• Puerto Ricans do not vote in ___________ or pay property taxes to the US government, but they do have a congressional delegate (though the delegate cannot vote).

Información general
Los Timbaleros y la música:
• A timbalero is ________________________ and timbales are drums.
• Styles of music heard during festivals: ________________________________
• The use of percussion instruments by the timbaleros serve as a reminder of the __________________ heritage of the island.
El Morro:
• A famous example of Spanish architecture in San Juan is ____________________________.
• The ____________________________ began building el Morro in 1539 to ___________________ the island.

Los Taínos:
• Another name for Puerto Rico: __________________ and Puerto Ricans: __________________
• Tainos are the ___________________ people of Puerto Rico. These names come from a Taino word for Puerto Rico.

El arte histórico:
• ____________________________ is the first well-known painter of Puerto Rico.
• He painted primarily ____________________________ works (obras) and ____________________________ of the 18th century (siglo XVIII).

Los centros comerciales:
• Plaza Las Americas is the largest mall in ____________________________.
• Plaza Las Americas is located in ____________________________.
• It is decorated with art that represents the ____________________________ and ____________________________ of Puerto Rico.
• ____________________________ the largest mall in Lima, Perú, named after the nearby horse track.

Los vejigantes:
• Los vejigantes are people who wear traditional Puerto Rican ____________________________.
• You can see them in Ponce during ____________________________.
• The masks are painted bright colors and made of ____________________________ (cáscaras de coco) or ____________________________.
• Los Vejigantes can be mischievous during parades trying to ____________________________ people.
• Los Vejigantes appears during ____________ en Ponce and the festival of ____________ (la Fiesta de Santiago Apóstol) in Loíza Aldea
• During these celebrations, musicians play ____________________________, a style of dance music with ____________________________ roots.
• During the celebrations, Los Vejigantes ____________________________ and begin songs which people respond to with a rhyme.
Las parrandas:

- Las Parrandas are groups of people walking through the streets during the ________________ season (temporada de Navidad).
- They sing ________________ and play ________________ often until dawn.
- Sometimes they stop to sing at a friend’s house to surprise them and wake them up. This is called ________________.
- Some songs request ________________ and ________________.
- The family invites the parrandas in to ________________ and ________________ and then joins the parranda to repeat this tradition with another family.

Las artesanías:

Las artesanías de Puerto Rico:

- Two traditional types of Puerto Rican handicrafts are ________________ and ________________.
- Las tallas de santos are carvings of saints, made of ________________.
- Las casitas are miniature ________________ of famous houses and buildings.

Las artesanías de Panamá:

- ________________ are large brightly-colored fabrics made by los cunas, an indigenous community of Panamá.
- In the town of La Arena, artisans make ________________ pieces using sand from the area that are unique.