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Maquiladoras are laborers that look for jobs that provide good pay. The majority of these workers tend to stick to the United States border to Mexico. They do this in order to find more job opportunities around the border. Also if they land a job in the United States then they can bring American money back to their homes, convert it, and make a profit. These maquiladoras provide a good industrial work force for both the United States and Mexico.

Mexico has emerged as an important location in the current global system of industrial organization. This is mainly because it is a large peninsula. Mexico, being mostly surrounded by water, provides a perfect import and export location. Ships from overseas can dock in Mexico and have their products distributed into the United States as well as South America and Central America. Also Mexico has workers like maquiladoras that are willing to work in industrial factories to make products that then can be exported to other nations. Other countries such as the United States, can build factories in Mexico and make

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Make products and ship them ~~out of~~ Mexico and to other countries. This available workforce and convenient location makes Mexico an important place in the global system of industrial organization.

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A maquiladora is a factory which is located in another country to take advantage of labor costs. For example, the United States may own factories on the border of Mexico, to take advantage of labor costs, because the Mexicans are willing to work for less money than us Americans. The distribution of the maquiladoras in the year 2000 are mostly very close to the Mexican border, only one or two lie in the center of Mexico. Mexico is important to the current global system of industrial revolution because if it wasn't for their low labor costs, products would be very high. The Mexicans are also taking jobs that many of us Americans would rather not do, so the tasks are completed anyways.

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A. Maquiladora is an industrial region where American companies cross the border into Mexican Territory. Mexicans work for these American companies for cheap labor.

B. The Maquiladoras in Mexico are located on the border between United States and Mexico. This allows the ^{quick} distribution of goods made in the maquiladoras to markets in the United States. Many maquiladora are clustered to form an agglomeration. They tend to be near big cities.

C. Mexico has emerged as an important location in the current global system of industrial organization. One reason is the cheap labor found in Mexico. Another reason is the small amount of taxes and tariffs placed on imports and exports there. Also, there are not many environmental restrictions. Mexico also has a good location. It has ^{abundant} natural resources and is in close proximity to the United States, the largest economy in the world. This along with its large workforce makes Mexico an important location.