

Where in the World?

South America

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South America is the fourth largest continent in size and the fifth largest in population. Within South America, there are 12 countries with Brazil being the largest country within the continent. This week, you will find out about South America and Brazil in more detail.

Subject: Geography

Activity Outcome: Complete Kahoot Quiz <https://create.kahoot.it/share/south-america/125ed483-5cf1-4b6d-aece-b61fd1907363> consolidating your new knowledge.

Explain: South America is located mainly in the southern hemisphere. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Today, you will explore the climate, history and famous landmarks which South America has to offer. At the end of the research, complete the Kahoot quiz to show your new understanding.

Subject: Music

Activity Outcome: Listen to a range of Samba music before recreating your own that could be featured in Carnival.

Explain: The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) is a festival held every year before Lent and considered the biggest carnival in the world with two million people per day on the streets. It involves large parades, costumes, masks and lots of singing and dancing. Carnival in Brazil is not just a fun celebration, but a chance to experience the wonderful culture of this country. Carnival sums up the Brazilian way of life and their way of thinking.

Subject: Geography

Activity Outcome: If you have an atlas, locate each of these countries identified on page 4 and find out their capital cities.

If you do not have an atlas, use the internet to find a world map and print/draw your own map labelling where each country is on it.

Explain: During the year of 2014, Brazil hosted the men's Football world Cup. It took place in Brazil from 12 June to 13 July 2014, after the country was awarded the hosting rights in 2007. It was the second time that Brazil staged the competition, the first being in 1950, and the fifth time that it was held in South America. 31 national teams advanced through qualification competitions to join the host nation in the final tournament.

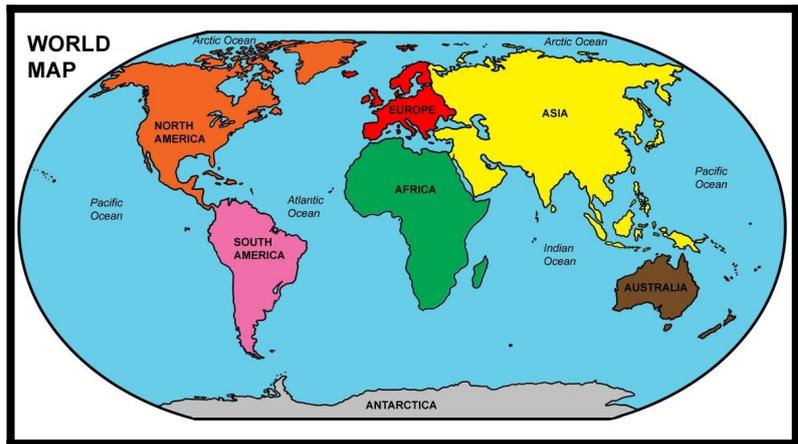
Subject: History/Geography

Activity Outcome: Using the information provided, create your own fact file/ poster to represent what you have found out about Christ the Redeemer. It would be great to see your own drawing of the statue somewhere on the fact file/ poster.

Explain: Christ the Redeemer is a statue of Jesus Christ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. From 1931 until 2010 it was the largest Art Deco statue in the world. It is 30 metres (98 ft) tall. It sits on a 8 metres (26 ft) pedestal on the peak of the 700-metre (2,300 ft) tall Corcovado mountain. The statue overlooks the city. Christ the Redeemer is also one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

Location and Population

South America, which is the fourth largest continent in the world, is located on the Earth's equator between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer. South America has a total of more than 385 million people living on the continent. This continent consists of 12 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela) and 3 dependent territories (Falkland Islands, French Guiana and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands). Bodies of water surrounding the continent include the Caribbean Sea, Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean.

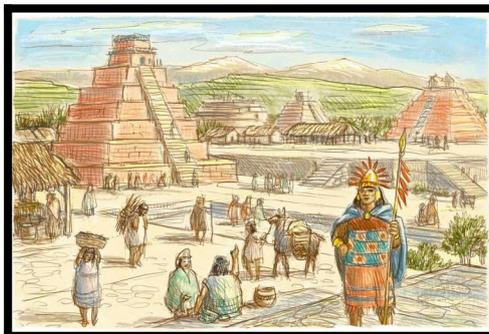


Climate

The climate in South America is generally known for being dry, hot and humid because it is close to the Earth's equator. However, South America's weather is both broad and dependent on the location in the country. The climate in the mountains can be cold, windy and snowy whereas in the savannah, the weather often has very high temperatures and little rainfall.

History

The Incas were the largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived. The Incan Empire lasted from 1438 until 1533. Indigenous cultures still are present in South America but the numbers are diminishing. These families maintain their beliefs of living like their ancestors and often have a strong connection to nature and fend for themselves.



Languages

A number of languages are spoken in South America. Spanish is the main language in South American countries as people predominately speak Portuguese in Brazil. Many people speak also English as a second language. Quechua, the language spoken by the Inca, is the most common indigenous language.

Famous Landmarks:

There are many tourist attractions found in South America: The most popular attractions are:

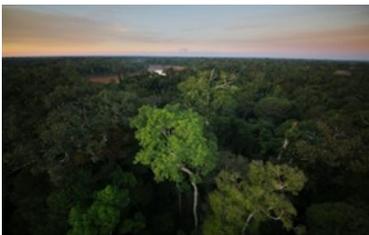
- Macchu Picchu in Peru
- Iguazu Falls in Argentina/Brazil
- Angel Falls in Venezuela
- Rio de Janeiro and its Carnival in Brazil
- Patagonia in Argentina/Chile
- Pantanal in Paraguay/Brazil
- Torres del Paine National Park in Chile



Macchu Piccu

The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon rainforest spans 9 countries and over 5.5 million square kilometres. Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana all have a share of the forest, which stretches from the Atlantic Ocean almost as far as the Pacific.



The Amazon River

The Amazon River is located in South America and it's the second longest river in the world. It runs through Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru. The length of the Amazon River is approximately 6400 kilometres (4000 miles).



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Below is each team that was part of this tournament and their flags.



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On the next page, I have attached a blank world map to assist you.



Christ the Redeemer is an enormous statue at the summit of Mount Corcovado in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. It was completed in 1931 and stands 98 feet (30 metres) tall, its horizontally outstretched arms spanning 92 feet (28 metres). The statue, made of reinforced concrete clad in a mosaic of thousands of triangular soapstone tiles, sits on a square stone pedestal base about 26 feet (8 metres) high, which itself is situated on a deck atop the mountain's summit. The statue is the largest Art Deco-style sculpture in the world and is one of Rio de Janeiro's most recognisable landmarks.



In the 1850s the Vincentian priest Pedro Maria Boss suggested placing a Christian monument on Mount Corcovado to honour Isabel, princess regent of Brazil and the daughter of Emperor Pedro II, although the project was never approved. In 1921 the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro proposed that a statue of Christ be built on the 2,310-foot (704-metre) summit, which, because of its commanding height, would make it visible from anywhere in Rio. Citizens petitioned Pres. Epitácio Pessoa to allow the construction of the statue on Mount Corcovado.

Permission was granted, and the foundation stone of the base was ceremonially laid on April 4, 1922—to commemorate the centennial on that day of Brazil's independence from Portugal—although the monument's final design had not yet been chosen. That same year a competition was held to find a designer, and the Brazilian engineer Heitor da Silva Costa was chosen on the basis of his sketches of a figure of Christ holding a cross in his right hand and the world in his left.

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