

INTRODUCING SOUTH AMERICA

PLACES, REGIONS, AND LANDSCAPES

1. Use the information on page 111 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write T in front of the sentence if it is true and F if it is false.
 - a. _____ The Andes Mountains are the longest range in South America.
 - b. _____ Lake Maracaibo is the highest lake in South America.
 - c. _____ The Amazon is South America's longest river.
 - d. _____ Argentina is South America's largest country.
 - e. _____ French Guiana is South America's most densely populated country.
 - f. _____ South America's largest urban area is in Brazil.

2. Use the information on page 111 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.

- a. In which South American country is the world's highest waterfall located?
Brazil Venezuela Peru Chile
- b. What is South America's highest peak?
Aconcagua Ojos del Salado Mt. Chimborazo Mt. Roraima
- c. What is South America's largest island?
San Ambrosio Tierra del Fuego San Felix Trinidad
- d. Which of the following is South America's highest large lake?
Lake Poopo Lake Maracaibo Fernas Reservoir Lake Titicaca
- e. Which is the second-longest river in South America?
Parana River Paraguay River Parnaiba River Purus River

- *3. Use the information on page 111 to answer the following questions.
- a. About how many times larger is South America than the contiguous United States?

 - b. Which ocean borders South America's two largest countries?

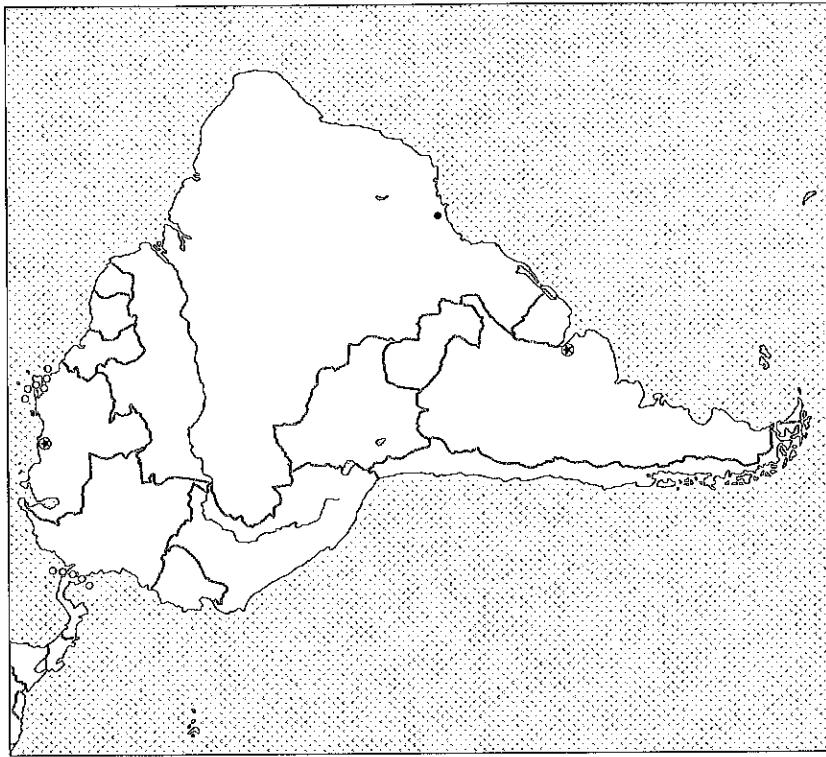
LOCATION

4. Turn to the Political Relief Map of South America on page 112. Look carefully at the locations of countries, cities, and bodies of water.

a. Close your Atlas and label the following places on the map below.

- Chile Caracas, Venezuela
- Bolivia Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Colombia Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Lake Maracaibo

- b. Open your Atlas and make any necessary corrections.



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PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

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- 1.** Use the Land Cover Map of South America on page 113 to match the following places in South America with their predominant land cover.

Places in South America	Land Cover
a. Patagonia •	• Tundra
b. Amazon Basin •	• Tropical rain forest
c. Llanos •	• Semi-desert & desert
d. Sucre, Bolivia •	• Grassland

- 2.** Use the Elevation Map of South America and Cross Section on page 114 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write **T** in front of the sentence if it is true and **F** if it is false.

- a. _____ The highest elevation in South America is in the Andes Mountains.
 b. _____ Most of the Amazon River flows through an area with an elevation of 0 to 500 feet above sea level.
 c. _____ South America's elevation is generally higher in the west than the east.
 d. _____ Buenos Aires, Argentina, has a higher elevation than Bogota, Colombia.
 e. _____ Most of South America's high ground is centered in the middle of the continent.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

- 4.** Use the Precipitation map on page 115 and the Elevation Map of South America on page 114 to complete the following sentences.

- a. The coast of Peru receives an average of _____ inches of precipitation per year.
 b. Suriname and French Guiana both receive _____ inches of rain per year.
 c. Most rainfall in South America is (direction) _____ of the Andes Mountains.
 d. Uruguay receives an average of _____ inches of precipitation per year.

- 5.** Use the Climate map and Climographs on page 115 to decide if the following places are in tropical, dry, or mild regions. Write **T** for tropical, **D** for dry, or **M** for mild next to each region below.

- a. _____ Coast of Peru
 b. _____ Uruguay
 c. _____ Belém, Brazil
 d. _____ Most of Venezuela

- 6.** Use the graphs and text on page 120 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.

- a. About what fraction of Brazil's land cover is rain forest?
 one-half two-thirds three-fourths four-fifths
 b. About how many times larger is Brazil's world percentage of carbon dioxide from land use change than its world percentage of land area?
 two times three times four times six times
 c. If harvesting rain forest products can earn 40 times as much as herding cattle, which is the more likely reason ranchers continue deforesting?
 Ranchers don't care about the environment. Ranchers are more familiar with raising cattle.

USES OF GEOGRAPHY

- 3.** Use Altitude Zones in the Andes on page 115 to answer the following questions.
- a. If you lived at 13,000 feet in the Andes, would you more likely work as a farmer or a herder? _____
 b. Would a farmer who prefers warmer weather be more likely to grow bananas or potatoes? _____

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HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

HUMAN SYSTEMS

- 1.** Use the Land Use map on page 116 to match the following places in South America with their predominant land use.

Places in South America	Land Use
a. Northern Chile	• Urban
b. Lima, Peru	• Subsistence farming
c. Southern Argentina	• Ranching or herding
d. Most of Colombia	• Forestry
e. Banks of the Amazon	• No widespread use

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- 2.** Use the Balance of Trade graphs, the Geode, and the photo caption on page 116 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write T in front of the sentence if it is true and F if it is false.

- a. The European Union is a larger trading partner with Chile than the United States.
- b. Chile exports more to Japan and China than to Argentina and Brazil.
- c. Chile exports less than it imports.
- d. Venezuela is the second largest exporter of oil in the world.
- e. Ethanol is cleaner and cheaper to produce than gasoline.

- 3.** Use the Energy Resources and Metals map on page 116 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.

- a. Which country has the most uranium resources?
Peru Venezuela Brazil Argentina
- b. Which country has the most aluminum (bauxite) resources?
Suriname Uruguay Paraguay Bolivia
- c. Which country has the most copper resources?
Colombia Chile Ecuador Guyana

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- 4.** Use the Natural Population Growth graph on page 117 to complete the following.

- a. Bolivia, Brazil, and Peru each have _____ rates which are more than twice as high as their _____ rates.
- b. The birth rate of _____ is three times higher than its death rate.
- c. Of the three countries on the graph, _____ is the only one with a birth rate lower than the world average.
- d. For every 1,000 people in Peru, _____ die each year.
- e. The world and _____ share the same population growth rate percentage.

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- 5.** Use the Population map on page 117 to sequence the following areas of South America in order of population density, with 1 representing the most densely populated area and 5 the least.

- a. Most of western Ecuador
- b. Most of Uruguay
- c. Santiago, Chile
- d. Most of southern Argentina
- e. Along most of Brazil's northern coast

- ★ 6.** Use the Descendants of Indigenous South Americans map and the Geode on page 117 to answer the following questions.

- a. Which two countries have the highest percentage of indigenous descendants?
b. Why do you think those two countries have the highest percentage?
c. Why is there a higher percentage of mulattoes than mestizos in French Guiana?



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- 1.** Use the Political Relief Map of Northwestern South America on page 118 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.

a. What is the elevation of Mount Chimborazo?

9,094 feet 16,411 feet 20,702 feet 22,205 feet

b. Which of the following cities has the largest population?

Cumaná, Venezuela Cali, Colombia Manta, Ecuador Iquitos, Peru

c. Which river flows through Venezuela?

Maranon River Amazon River Caqueta River Orinoco River

d. Which country has the longest coast line?

Peru Ecuador Colombia Venezuela

e. Which country does the Equator NOT pass through?

Ecuador Colombia Venezuela Brazil

- 2.** Use the Political Relief Map of Southern South America on page 118 to complete the following sentences.

a. The Atacama Desert is located in the country of _____ and Brazil.

b. Mirim Lake is located between _____ and _____.

c. Patagonia and the Pampas are located in _____.

d. The Pilcomayo River flows along _____ southwestern border.

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- 3.** Use both maps on page 118 to match the following South American cities with their correct countries.

Cities	Countries
a. Cordoba •	• Chile
b. Medellin •	• Peru
c. Trujillo •	• Argentina
d. Puerto Montt •	• Colombia



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- 4.** Use the Political Relief Map of Brazil and Its Neighbors on page 119 to sequence the following cities in order from north to south, with 1 representing the northernmost city and 5 the southernmost.

- a. _____ La Paz, Bolivia
 b. _____ Montevideo, Uruguay
 c. _____ Georgetown, Guyana
 d. _____ São Paulo, Brazil
 e. _____ Manaus, Brazil

- 5.** Use the map on page 119 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write T in front of the sentence if it is true and F if it is false.
- a. _____ Sucre, one of the capitals of Bolivia, has a larger population than Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay.
- b. _____ Antofagasta, Chile, is closer to the Tropic of Capricorn than Curitiba, Brazil.
- c. _____ The Paraná River flows through Brazil and Argentina.
- d. _____ The Mouths of the Amazon River are near the Equator.
- e. _____ The Amazon Basin is southeast of the Brazilian Highlands.

USES OF GEOGRAPHY

- *6.** Use the Ethnic Composition graphs on page 119 and the maps on pages 118–119 to answer the following questions.

- a. Why do you think there is a higher percentage of people of European and African ethnicity in Brazil than Peru?
- b. Do you think the Quechua live nearer the Pacific Coast or the Atlantic Coast?