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Tierra del Fuego

Tierra del Fuego is an *archipelago*, or a group of islands, located at the southern tip of South America. The name *Tierra del Fuego* means "land of fire." The islands were given that name in 1520 by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan when he saw from his ship the many fires that native Indians had made to keep warm. Because the islands are so close to Antarctica, the climate of Tierra del Fuego is extremely cold.

The Tierra del Fuego archipelago is made up of one large island and many smaller ones. The main island, which is also called Tierra del Fuego, is divided between Argentina and Chile. The eastern side belongs to Argentina. The western side and all of the smaller islands belong to Chile. In the west, the Andes Mountains extend down to the small islands. The tallest mountain in Tierra del Fuego is Mount Darwin at 7,999 feet (2,438 m). The route that Magellan sailed between Tierra del Fuego and the mainland of Chile is now called the Strait of Magellan. Although dangerous, it is much less treacherous than sailing around Cape Horn, the small island at the southernmost tip of Tierra del Fuego. The opening of the Panama Canal between North and South America in 1914 reduced the need for ships to use either of these routes.

A. Read each statement. Circle **yes** if it is true or **no** if it is false. Use the map on the other page and the information above to help you.

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| 1. An archipelago is a group of islands. | Yes | No |
| 2. <i>Tierra del Fuego</i> means "crown of fire." | Yes | No |
| 3. Tierra del Fuego is divided between Brazil and Chile. | Yes | No |
| 4. All of the smaller islands belong to Chile. | Yes | No |
| 5. Cape Horn is the southernmost part of the continent. | Yes | No |
| 6. Tropical breezes keep the climate of the islands warm. | Yes | No |
| 7. The Andes Mountains extend down to Tierra del Fuego. | Yes | No |
| 8. Mount Darwin is the tallest mountain in Tierra del Fuego. | Yes | No |
| 9. The Strait of Magellan connects the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. | Yes | No |

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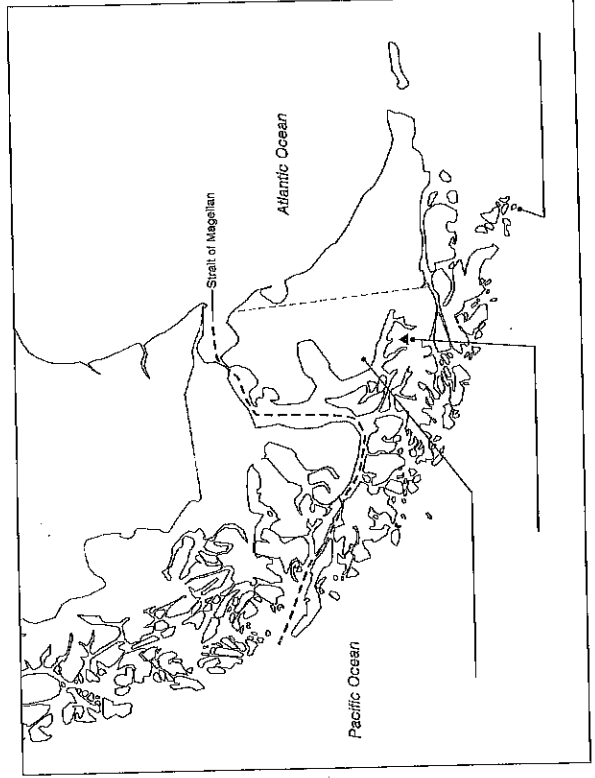


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B. Follow the directions for completing the map. Use the information on the other page to help you.

- Trace the dotted line that divides Argentina from Chile in red.
- Label the island of Tierra del Fuego.
- Label Cape Horn.
- Label Mount Darwin.
- Trace the route through the Strait of Magellan in blue.

C. How did Tierra del Fuego get its name?



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Angel Falls

Angel Falls is the highest waterfall in the world. It is located on the Churun River in the Guiana Highlands of Venezuela. The river flows over a flat-topped mountain called Auyantepui and plunges 3,212 feet (979 m) to the bottom.

Angel Falls was named for Jimmie Angel, an American pilot who was the first person to fly over the falls in an airplane. Another name for the falls is *Kerepakupai merú*. This name, given by natives, means "waterfall of the deepest place."

Angel Falls is surrounded by dense rainforest, making it difficult for tourists to visit. In order to see the falls, most visitors travel by plane to a camp. There, they can take a boat up the river to the bottom of the falls. Other people fly by the falls in an airplane. However, if the day is cloudy, they may not get to see the falls at all.

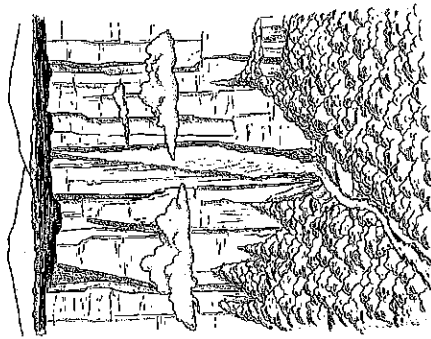
A. Answer each question. Use the information above to help you.

1. Where is Angel Falls located? Be specific.

2. How did Angel Falls get its name?

3. What does *Kerepakupai merú* mean?

B. Would you want to visit Angel Falls? Why or why not?



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c. Study the chart to see how Angel Falls compares to well-known landmarks in the United States. Then read the statements below the chart and circle the correct landmark for each clue.

Landmark	Location	Height
Angel Falls	Venezuela	3,212 feet (979 m)
Grand Canyon	Arizona	6,000 feet (1,829 m)
Mount Rushmore	South Dakota	5,725 feet (1,745 m)
Mount St. Helens	Washington	8,363 feet (2,549 m)
Na Pali Coast Cliffs	Kauai, Hawaii	4,000 feet (1,219 m)
Niagara Falls	New York	167 feet (51 m)
Shiprock	New Mexico	1,800 feet (549 m)
Yosemite Falls	California	2,425 feet (739 m)

1. This landmark is more than 2,500 feet taller than Angel Falls.

Mount Rushmore Shiprock Na Pali Coast Cliffs

2. Although they are the tallest falls in the United States, they are still nearly 790 feet shorter than Angel Falls.

Niagara Falls Yosemite Falls

3. This landmark is more than twice as high as Angel Falls.

Grand Canyon Mount St. Helens Mount Rushmore

4. This landmark is 430 meters shorter than Angel Falls.

Shiprock Niagara Falls Mount St. Helens

5. This landmark is closest in height to Angel Falls.

Shiprock Grand Canyon Na Pali Coast Cliffs

6. Angel Falls is a little more than 19 times higher than these falls.

Yosemite Falls Niagara Falls