



World Geography

South America Preview

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Directions: Use pages 111-120 in the Atlas to answer the following questions as an introduction to the continent of South America

Thought Questions:

1. Which 3 countries have the greatest amount of available land to grow potatoes and barley in the Andes Mountains? What maps/charts helped you to answer this question?
2. Which regions of South America (countries) receive the most amount of precipitation? The least?
3. If you wanted to grow sugar cane, a crop that needs the soil of a savanna, and a good amount of precipitation but not too much, which countries would you look at making your farm? Why?
4. You are a business man/woman planning a trip to South America to see farm supplies, which 4 countries are you going to be sure to visit and why?
5. A country looking to obtain Uranium for a nuclear power plant would want to start talking with which country?

6. You are looking to start up a car company that uses mostly South American Materials to build the cars. You need a good supply of Iron, Copper, Lead, Aluminum, and oil. Which countries would you have to talk to in order to get the supplies you need? Keep in mind that trading with too many countries becomes expensive so you want to use the least number of countries possible. (list the countries and the materials)

7. What types of trends do you notice in the population density? What physical features are present in the areas where there are 0-5 people per square km?

8. Why might the percentage of descendants of Indigenous people be higher in the western countries be higher than in the east? Keeping in mind that South America was colonized by the French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

9. Do you think that the people of Brazil should be forced to quit cutting down the rainforest? Why or why not? Defend your answer (about 10 sentences)

10. How might your answer change if you were from Brazil?

11. Using the information from the book, the handouts, and anything from class, which area of South America would you most want to live in and why?