



World Geography

Unit V Study Guide: South America

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Directions: Use the following questions to help you prepare for the upcoming Unit V Test on South America. The Study Guide covers the majority of topics that will be covered on the test, but topics discussed in class are eligible to be covered on the test.

Theme 1: Theories and Concepts of Geography

1. What are the major landforms and sea features within/surrounding South America?
2. How are some countries disadvantaged by their geography? What types of advantages do some of them have?

Theme 2: Population and Migration

1. What are the major demographic separators that can be used to classify the peoples of South America?
2. What role did slavery play in the demographic makeup of South America?
3. Prior to World War II where did a majority of migrants come from? After World War II?

Theme 3: Urban Geography

1. What major issues did cities like Rio de Janeiro have to deal with leading up to the World Cup and Olympics?
2. What are Favelas and the positives and negatives about them?
3. Where do Favelas/slums typically form in South America and why?
4. Where have the continents largest cities developed and in what way (Model)?
5. What makes the city of Brasilia such an interesting city design wise?

Theme 4: Agriculture Geography

1. What types of Agriculture are practiced in South America and where are they practiced?
2. What is the importance of a good agricultural base in South America?
3. What is Swidden and what impact does it have?
4. Explain transhumance and where it is practiced.
5. How have connections with MDCs helped and hurt South American farmers?

Theme 5: Industrial Geography and Development

1. Which regions contain countries which are More Developed countries? Less Developed Countries?
2. What are the main economic activities practiced in South America?
3. Use case studies to explain why some countries are more developed than others in South America.

Theme 6: Cultural Geography

1. Describe the cultural landscape of South America linguistically and religiously.
2. What are some of the folk cultures that exist within South America?
3. How has globalization impacted the current cultural makeup of South America?
4. What cultural traits in South America illustrate the continent's historic and cultural ties to the United States and Europe?

Theme 7: Political Geography

1. What lasting impacts has colonization had on the formation of states and current political structure of South America?
2. How has South America been impacted by their relationship with the United States of America?
3. What major Supranational organizations operate within South America and what role do they play?
4. What major territorial disputes are there in South America and how have they impacted relations between countries?