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## **South America Notes 1**

### History

- Prior to European colonization, the \_\_\_\_\_ was a dominant force in South America.
- In the 1500's, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ colonized much of South America.

### Nations Today

It is politically divided into twelve sovereign states:

plus, the overseas administration of French Guiana.

### Size

- \_\_\_\_\_ largest continent
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth's land
- \_\_\_\_\_ million people live in \_\_\_\_\_
- Over 200 million live in \_\_\_\_\_, South America's most \_\_\_\_\_ nation

### The Amazon River

- At least \_\_\_\_\_ and runs through 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- World \_\_\_\_\_ longest river
- Accounts for about \_\_\_\_\_ % of the total water carried to the \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

### Climate Zones of South America

- ❖ Desert
- ❖ Grasslands
- ❖ Temperate Deciduous Forest
- ❖ Rainforest
- ❖ Savanna
- ❖ Mediterranean
- ❖ Alpine/Mountain

### Deserts

- \_\_\_\_\_ Desert is the world's' driest
- \_\_\_\_\_ Desert is the largest in \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world

### Atacama Desert

1. Where is the Atacama Desert Located?
2. What did NASA test here?
3. What bird can be found here?
4. What unique geological feature is found in this desert?
5. If you visited here what activity would you most like to do?

### Pampas- Grassland

- Just below \_\_\_\_\_
- Average temperature is \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry season is summer (December)

## Gauchos

1. What is a Gaucho?
2. Where do they live? (What county)
3. How many Gauchos are still working?

## Temperate Deciduous Forest

- Southern \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle East coast of Paraguay
- \_\_\_\_\_ forests
- Dominated by trees that lose their \_\_\_\_\_ each \_\_\_\_\_

## Rainforest

- Half of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world is in the \_\_\_\_\_ region
- The Amazon Rainforest covers over \_\_\_\_\_
- 60% of the \_\_\_\_\_ Rainforest is located in Brazil

## Amazon Rainforest Film (Write at least 5 facts)

## Savannah

- The area between a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_
- Grassland region with scattered \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is seasonal

## Alpine Mountains - The Andes

- The world's longest above-water \_\_\_\_\_ (4,350 miles long)
- Runs through \_\_\_\_\_ countries
- Many different climatic conditions ranging from \_\_\_\_\_
- Includes several active \_\_\_\_\_
- Death Road
  - How many people die each year?

## Patagonia Region

- ❖ A sparsely \_\_\_\_\_ region at the southern end of South America, shared by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Made up of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, pampas and \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Patagonia is one of the few regions with coasts on \_\_\_\_\_ oceans (Atlantic, Pacific and Southern Oceans)
- ❖ Its stunning landscape makes it a \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary