

South America

Political Map



Colombia



Animal

- Region- Caribbean South America
- Capital-Bogota
- Landform-Andes, Llanos
- Body of Water-Cauca River
- Climate-Humid subtropical, Highlands, Tropical savanna
- Population-43 million
- Language-Romance-Spanish and Portuguese
- Religion-Christianity-northwestern section
- Government-Republic
- Economy-Agriculture, **oil**, iron ore, gold, coal and emeralds
- 80% of Columbian flowers are shipped to the US



Venezuela



Animal

Red-billed
Toucan

Joropo- Lively
couples dance.

Simon Bolivar-
led Venezuelan

Revolution

against Spain



- Region: Caribbean South America
- Capital: Caracas
- Landform: Llanos
- Body of Water: Orinoco River-longest river in South America, Angel Falls,
- Climate: Warm temperatures year round-but varies with elevation
- Population: 25.4 million
- Language: Spanish
- Religion: 50% Christianity, 50% No dominate religio
- Government: Federal Rep
- Economy: Oil



Guyana



Animal

- Region: Caribbean South America
- Capital: Georgetown
- Landform: Guiana Highlands
 - Much of Guyana is covered by the rain forest
- Body of Water: Atlantic Ocean
- Climate: Warm temperatures year round-but varies with elevation
- Population: 765,000
- Language: English
- Religion: 50% Christianity, 50% No dominate religion
- Government: Republic
- Economy: Rice and sugar cane



Suriname



Animal



- Region: Caribbean South America
- Capital: Paramaribo
- Landform: Guiana Highlands
- Body of Water: Atlantic Ocean
- Climate: Warm temperatures year round- but varies with elevation
- Population: 438,100
- Language: Dutch
- Religion: 50% Christianity, 50% No dominate religion
- Government: Republic
- Economy: Rice and sugar cane

French Guiana



Animal

- Region: Caribbean South America
- Capital: Cayenne
- Landform: flat land
- Body of Water: Atlantic Ocean
- Climate: Warm temperatures year round- but varies with elevation
- Population: 217,000
- Religion: 50% Christianity, 50% No dominate religion
- Government: Republic
- Economy: Heavily depends on France- mainly fishing



Brazil

Carnival-Festival that Brizillians celebrate before the Christian season of Lent

Soccer- futbol- most popular sport

- **Region:** Atlantic South America
- **Capital:** Brasilia
- **Landform:** Amazon Basin (Giant flood pl
- **Body of Water:** Amazon River
- **Climate:** Tropical Savanna, Humid tropical, Humid subtropical, steppe, and marine west coast
- **Population:** 186. 1 million
 - American Indians were the first people who lived in Brazil
- **Language:** Portuguese
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic
- **Government:** Federal Republic
- **Economy:** Regions
 - **Southeast-** Largest cities, rich in natural resources, productive farmland, coffee growing region
 - **Northeast-** Poorest region, cannot read and health care is poor-known for tourism-beautiful beaches
 - **Interior-** Abundant land and mild climate-could be a strong agriculture area.
 - **The Amazon-** industrial area- areas of the dense rain forest are now being developed –mining and logging- new roads are bringing more people to area.



Paraguay



Animal

- **Region:** Atlantic South America
- **Capital:** Asuncion
- **Landform:** *Landlocked* country
Gran Chaco
- **Body of Water:** Paraguay River
- **Climate:** Humid Subtropical
- **Population:** 6.3 million
- **Language:** Spanish, Guarani
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic
- **Government:** Republic
- **Economy:** Paraguay's wealth is controlled by a few rich families and companies.
 - Agriculture is very important-cotton, corn, soybeans and sugarcane



Uruguay



Animal

- **Region:** Atlantic South America
- **Capital:** Montevideo
- **Landform:** plains
- **Body of Water:** Rio de la Plata- *estuary*- partially enclosed body of water where fresh water mixes with salt water
- **Climate:** Humid subtropical
- **Population:** 3.4 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic
- **Government:** Republic
- **Economy:** Beef is important export –
 - Agriculture and manufacturing is basis of economy



Argentina



Animal

- **Region:** Atlantic South America
 - Southern most country in South America
- **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- **Landform:**
 - **Patagonia**-region of dry plains and plateaus
 - **Pampas**- wide grassy plain
 - **Andes**-mountains
- **Body of Water:** Parana River
- **Climate:** Marine west coast, steppe
- **Population:** 39.5 million (Argentina's culture has been mostly influenced by Europeans)
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic
- **Government:** Republic
- **Economy:** Economy has always been affected by government policies- Argentina joined a group- Mercosur-group that promotes trade and economic cooperation
 - Agriculture- produce beef, grow wheat and corn
 - **Informal economy**- part of the economy **based on odd jobs** that people perform without government regulation through taxes.



Ecuador

Animal



- Region: Pacific South America
- Capital: Quito
- Landform: Andes
- Body of Water: Gulf of Guayaquil
- Climate: Mediterranean
- Population: 13.4 million
- Language: Spanish, Quechua
- Religion: Roman Catholic
- Government: Republic
- Economy: 3 regions
 - Coastal lowlands- agriculture and industry
 - Andean region- poorer-tourism
 - Amazon basin- valuable oil deposits

Peru



Animal

- Region: Pacific South America
- Capital: Lima
- Landform: Andes
- Body of Water: Lake Titicaca
- Climate: Highland and Desert
- Population: 27.9 million
- Language: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara
- Religion: Roman Catholic
- Government: Republic
- Economy: Resources-key factor
 - Mineral deposits
 - Hydroelectric projects
 - Highlands- grow potatoes and corn



Bolivia



Animal



- Region: Pacific South America
- Capital: :La Paz, Sucre
- Landform: Andes
- Body of Water: Lake Titicaca
- Climate: Tropical savanna, Highland
- Population: 8.9 million
- Language: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara
- Religion: Roman Catholic
- Government: Republic
- Economy: Poorest country in South America
 - Few roads and little money for investment
 - Valuable resources- metals and natural

Chile



- Region: Pacific South America
- Capital: Santiago
- Landform: Atacama Desert-(Known for being cloudy and dry)
- Body of Water: Pacific Ocean
- Climate: Desert, Mediterranean, Marine West Coast
- Population: 16 million
- Language: Spanish
- Religion: Roman Catholic
- Government: Republic
 - 1970- After the coup, Chile was ruled by harsh military government
- Economy: Strongest in the Pacific South America region
 - Agriculture –grapes-(wine)
 - Fishing
 - Farming
 - Mining
 - International trade –key factor to Chile's economy