

Learning About World Cultures

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South America

Using the information from the link, provide the correct answers below.

<https://worldbookonline.com/student-new/#!/article/home/ar520980/South%20America>

Largest continents by area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Largest continents by population:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

South America covers about _____% of the world's land area and has about _____% of the total world's population.

South America has the world's largest tropical rainforest. It occupies about _____% of the continent and contains an estimated _____% of the earth's plant and animal species.

The Amazon River of South America is the _____ longest river in the world. Only the _____ River in _____ (continent) is longer. The Amazon is _____ miles long and holds about _____% of the world's fresh river water.

The _____ Desert in northern _____ (country) is one of the driest places on Earth.

The Andes mountain range in western South America is about _____ miles long and is the _____ mountain range above sea level and _____ highest mountain range in the world. Only the _____ mountain range in _____ (continent) is higher. One of the peaks of the Andes is the tallest mountain in the Western Hemisphere. It is the _____ in _____ (country) and is _____ feet tall.

A lake in the Andes called _____ is the highest navigable lake in the world. On the border between Bolivia and Peru, the lake has an elevation of _____ feet.

What South American country is the industrial giant of the continent?

About _____ % of the population of South America lives in urban areas.

South America is part of Latin America, an area that also includes _____ America, _____ (a country), and islands in the _____.

The northern 75% of South America lies in the tropics. The _____ crosses about 400 miles north of its widest point. The southernmost tip of the continent, called _____, is about 600 miles from Antarctica.

Waters that border South America:

_____ (north)

_____ (northeast and east)

_____ (south—separates South America from Antarctica)

_____ (west)

Lands that border South America:

South America borders land only at the _____ of _____, which links Central America with the South American country of _____.

Points of Interest

South America has many beautiful waterfalls. Angel Falls, in eastern Venezuela, has the longest drop in the world: _____ feet. Cuquenán Falls, in southeastern Venezuela, has the second longest drop in the world: _____ feet. And Iguazú Falls, which is on the border between Argentina and Brazil, is only 237 feet high but is _____ miles wide, making it what some people consider to be the best natural sight in South America.

South America has about _____% of all known kinds of mammals on Earth. Its largest land animal is the _____, which lives in the Amazon region and is about the size of a _____. South America also has the world's largest rodent, the _____, and one of the world's largest snakes, the _____, which may grow to about _____ feet long.

About _____ (#) types of trees grow in the Amazon rain forest.

True or false? All South American countries are fully developed economically.

The five South American countries with the most developed economies (in alphabetical order):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The two South American countries with the least developed economies (in alphabetical order):

- 1.
- 2.

_____ (country) exports more bananas than any other country in the world.

Three South American countries that produce beef for European markets:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Two South American countries that are among the world's leading exporters of coffee:

- 1.
- 2.

Two chief grains produced for consumption in South America:

- 1.
- 2.

Name three fruits exported from Chile to the Northern Hemisphere during the Northern Hemisphere's winter:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Two South American countries that export soybeans for animal feed:

- 1.
- 2.

The three most heavily industrialized South American countries (in alphabetical order):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

City that serves as South America's chief manufacturing center:

Four items produced in Brazil:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Two South American countries that are leading producers of iron ore:

- 1.
- 2.

Four South American countries that are leading producers of bauxite, which is used to make aluminum:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Which South American country produces large amounts of manganese? _____

Copper? _____ Emeralds? _____ Petroleum? _____

Three South American countries that export oil:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Two South American countries that export large quantities of natural gas:

- 1.
- 2.

South America's chief producer of forestry products (a country):

Besides wood, name at least six other products South American forests provide:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Two South American countries with the most valuable fishing industries:

- 1.
- 2.

What type of industry employs the majority of South America's work force?

True or false? Most of South America's trading is done via air.

True or false? The Amazon River is not navigable.

The primary means of transportation:

The three most important means of communication in South America:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

True or false? There is a high illiteracy rate among adults in South America.

The two most popular types of television programs in South America:

- 1.
- 2.

For Further Study on South America

Be sure to see the lessons for this course which are specific to each of the South American countries.

Also see <https://schoolhouseteachers.com/school-subjects/art/achieving-art-success-with-artachieve/>:

- Level I, Lesson 5: The Dragonfly from Ecuador
- Level III, Lesson 9: The Nine-Banded Armadillo

Traditional South American Clothing

<https://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/media?id=lr001426&st=traditional+costume>

Traditional Clothing via Barbie Dolls of the World

Argentina: https://static.wikia.nocookie.net/barbie/images/b/b1/Argentina_Barbie_Doll.png/revision/latest?cb=20161212024641

Brazil: https://static.wikia.nocookie.net/barbie/images/a/ab/Brazil_Barbie_Doll.png/revision/latest?cb=20161212035657

Chile: https://static.wikia.nocookie.net/barbie/images/b/b4/Chilean_Barbie_Doll.png/revision/latest?cb=20161204051712

Peru (Incan Princess): https://static.wikia.nocookie.net/barbie/images/1/1b/Princess_of_the_Incas_Barbie_Doll.png/revision/latest?cb=20161211211126

Want to turn the study of South America into its own unit or even a full-length class? If you click on the “Related” button at the top of the webpage for this lesson, you will see a list of topics associated with South America and the World Book links for each.

Examples for using the list include having students create notecard files for the entries (they could read the information at each link and then write five interesting facts about the topic) or use the list to find a research topic.

And because the list is organized by subject, you can use only the portions of the list that are of interest and/or relevance to your students and their studies.

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