



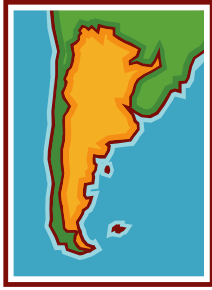










Country	Geography (Region)	Economics	History	Culture
 <p><b>Brazil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrow coastal plains</li> <li>Highland areas</li> <li>Lowland river valleys</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Brasília</p> <p><b>Population:</b> 176.5 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varied landforms</li> <li>World's largest rain forest</li> <li>Amazon – 2nd largest river</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> largest country</li> <li>½ South America</li> <li>selvas - tropical rain forest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Productive economy - mining, lumbering, coffee, cattle ranching</li> <li>1/5 of people live in extreme poverty</li> <li>High rate of deforestation, threatening climate, Native Americans</li> <li>Iron ore deposits</li> <li>favelas (slum areas)</li> </ul>	<p>Colonized by Portugal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representative democracy</li> <li>National government stronger than state governments (26)</li> <li>1500s Portuguese forced Native Americans to work tobacco, sugarcane</li> <li>Later brought Africans</li> <li>1800s demand for rubber</li> <li>1888 slavery banned</li> <li>1960 capital from Rio de Janeiro to Brasília</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>largely Portuguese</li> <li>European, African, Native American, Asian ancestry</li> <li>Rio de Janeiro (11.2 million)</li> <li>Sao Paulo (18.5 million)</li> <li>Most Roman Catholic</li> <li>Many combine Catholicism with African and Native American religions</li> <li>Brasília (2 million)</li> <li>18-70 required to vote</li> <li>Carnival (sambadrome)</li> <li><i>telenovelas</i></li> </ul>
 <p><b>Argentina</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andes Mts to west</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Buenos Aires (13 million) <i>Porteños</i> “people of the port”</p> <p><b>Population:</b> 36.9 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varied geography</li> <li>Pampas – vast, treeless plains</li> <li>SA's second-largest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farming, ranching dominate economy – beef, sugarcane, wheat, soybeans, corn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>estancias</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Pampas home to cattle industry, majority of people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>gauchos</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Patagonia – sheep ranches</li> <li>Manufactures food products,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years of harsh military rule</li> <li>Democratic Republic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National govt stronger than 23 state govts</li> </ul> </li> <li>1500s Spanish settle near Buenos Aires</li> <li>1800 flourishing port</li> <li>1816 José de San Martín led fight for freedom from Spain</li> <li>Mid 1850s strong</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85% European ancestry</li> <li>1800s Immigrants from Spain, Italy</li> <li>After WWII – more immigrants</li> <li>Spanish official language (+ Italian words)</li> <li>Most Roman Catholic</li> <li>90% live in cities and towns</li> <li>Tango national dance</li> </ul>



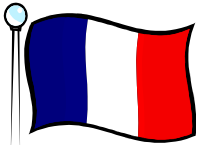

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	<p>country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aconcagua – highest mtn in Western Hemisphere</li> </ul>	<p>automobiles, chemicals, textiles, books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petroleum – Patagonia, Andes</li> <li>• Minerals – zinc, iron ore, copper, tin, uranium</li> </ul>	<p>national government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1900s military takes over</li> <li>• 1940s Juan Peron becomes dictator (Eva – “Evita”)</li> <li>• 1955 Revolt drove Peron out</li> <li>• 1970 Military takes control</li> <li>• 1982 Loses war with UK for Falkland Islands</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Uruguay</b></p> 	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Montevideo (1/2 pop) <b>Population:</b> 3.4 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild climate</li> <li>• 70% country pasture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising sheep, cattle</li> <li>• One of highest standards of living in SA</li> <li>• Industries – textiles, footwear, leather goods</li> <li>• Lowest population growth rate, best diet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Settled by Portuguese, taken over by Spain</li> <li>• 1828 became independent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most people are of European descent</li> <li>• Spanish official language</li> <li>• Roman Catholic major religion</li> </ul>
<p><b>Paraguay</b></p> 	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Asunción (ah-SOON-see-OHN) <b>Population:</b> 6.2 million</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry, farming</li> <li>• Grains, cotton, soybeans, cassava</li> <li>• Exports electricity to earn income – Itaipu (ee-TY-poo) Dam on Paraná River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sells 90%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern 1/3 settled by Spanish</li> <li>• Western 2/3 brought by Roman Catholic missionaries (Gran Chaco)</li> <li>• 1800s-1900s wars hurt economy</li> <li>• 1860s male pop. Cut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed Guaraní and Spanish ancestry</li> <li>• Spanish and Guaraní official languages</li> <li>• ½ live in cities</li> <li>• Yerba maté – tealike drink</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Venezuela</b></p> 	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Caracas (2.8 million) <b>Population:</b> 25.7 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hot, tropical climate</li> <li>Ilanos – grassy plains</li> <li>Angel Falls – highest waterfall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of wealthiest countries in SA due to oil – Lake Maracaibo</li> <li>Ilanos have ranches, farms, oil fields</li> <li>Orinoco River provides hydroelectric power</li> </ul>	<p>in ½ after 5-year war</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1920s petroleum changed economy from coffee, cacao</li> <li>Government owns oil industry; ½ government’s income</li> <li>Iron ore, limestone, bauxite, gold, diamonds, emeralds</li> <li>Factories – steel, chemicals, food products</li> <li>10% farm (sugarcane, bananas, cattle)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European, African, Native American backgrounds</li> <li>Spanish major language</li> <li>Roman Catholicism major religion</li> <li>90% live in cities</li> <li>1500s Spanish colony</li> <li>Venezuela “Little Venice”</li> <li>1800s rebellion against Spanish – Simón Bolívar</li> <li>1830 Venezuela independent</li> <li>1800s-1900s caudillos rule</li> <li>1958 Democracy led by president, two-house legislature</li> <li>1998 Hugo Chávez elected president</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Guianas</b> -Hot, tropical climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North of Brazil along Caribbean Sea – Caribbean South America</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Guyana</b></p> 	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Georgetown <b>Population:</b> 800,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tobacco, coffee, cotton farms, later sugarcane</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was English colony (British Guiana)</li> <li>1600s Dutch settle</li> <li>Native American and African labor</li> <li>1800s England wins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indians make up most of population</li> <li>1/3 African ancestry</li> <li>Native Americans, Europeans</li> <li>Christianity, Hinduism</li> </ul>

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			<p>possession; ends slavery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indians paid to work</li> <li>• 1966 independence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English spoken</li> <li>• Depends on aid from United Kingdom and other countries; very poor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Suriname</b></p> 	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Paramaraibo</p> <p><b>Population:</b> 400,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice, bananas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was Dutch colony (Dutch Guiana)</li> <li>• British settled first</li> <li>• 1667 Dutch gained control</li> <li>• Many African slaves fled to interior; descendents live there</li> <li>• Indian, Indonesians hired to work later</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asians large percentage of population</li> <li>• ½ Christian</li> <li>• ½ Hindu, Islam</li> <li>• 1975 Independence from Dutch</li> <li>• Still receives Dutch aid</li> </ul>
<p><b>French Guiana</b></p> 	 <p><b>Capital:</b> Cayenne</p> <p><b>Population:</b> 800,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sugarcane</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1600s French colony (present day)</li> <li>• Headed by French prefect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most African or mixed African ancestry</li> <li>• Euros currency</li> </ul>

**Facts:** The name *Brazil* comes from a Portuguese word meaning “glowing ember.” When Portuguese sailors first saw the trees that grow along the Brazilian coast, they thought the color of the wood looked like the glowing embers of a fire.