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South America, Grades 3-6



Synopsis

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela -- together they form the richly diverse South American continent. Now, with this one volume, your students can compare and contrast its peoples, customs, regions and political divisions. Topics and activities explored include: Locating South America (it's place on the globe), Name the Hemisphere, Water and Landforms, South America (black & white topographic map), Water Forms of South America, South American Landforms, Geographic Regions of South America, Andes Mountains, Rainforest, Gran Chaco and Pampas, Atacama Desert (Chile), Altiplano (Bolivia), Region Comparison Chart, Moving to South America, Political Divisions, Countries of South America, Capital Cities, Using a Compass Rose, Longitude and Latitude, Brazil (with map of states showing main cities), How Far Is It? (linear distances between points), Land Area and Population Chart, Population Comparison, Name the Countries, South America's Resources (lists of Manufactured Goods, Natural Resources, Crops and Livestock, Services), Foods from the New World, My Personal Experience with Foods from the New World, Deforestation, Rainforest Deforestation Note Taker, Responsible Tourism, A South American Vacation, South American Plants and Animals, Name that Plant, South American Camels, Amazing Animals of South American (with picture cards), Animals of the Galapagos Islands, Galapagos Quiz, Animal Report Note Taker, The People of South America, The Incas, Indigenous Cultures, Languages of South America, Celebrating Learning, and more. Plus, a full-color fold-out topographic map of South America and the oceans surrounding it. It's just one of seven titles in our all-new series on world geography based on the five themes of geography -- Location -- Position on the Earth's surface, Place -- Physical and Human Characteristics, Relationships within Places -- Humans and the Environment, Movement -- Human Interactions on the Earth, and Regions -- How They Form and Change.

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Customer Reviews

We love this series. Includes a map of South America and covers the five themes of geography. There are also great ideas on how to use this book. Topics covered are: Introducing and locating South America; hemishperes; water & landforms; oceans, lakes & rivers; Andes mts., rainforest, Gran Chaco & Pampas, Atacama Desert, Altiplano; comparing regions; political divisions; locating cities by latitude & longitude and using a compass rose; population, resources, imports, exports; plants & animals (including animals of the Galapagos Islands; and the people (Incas) and their languages. It has different activities to complete that are fun and interesting. I read the review from the person about not having access to a commputer or the resources needed to complete a few of the assignments, but the library would have anything you need that you do not have access to at home; including a computer. If you chose not to do every single page in the book (80 pgs. total) your children would still have a very comprehensive knowledge of South America when you finish. I homeschool and I let the kids choose which continent we are going to study next; which keeps them involved and excited about continuing geography. I highly recommend this series.

I am currently using a very popular Christian homeschool program that is centered around geography. I was shocked to find that there are hardly any activities dealing with the actual facets of geography, instead lots of readings about character and missionaries. Thank God for this series! I have used the South America book to supplement the awful curriculum and plan on doing the same with the other continents. Unlike some other publishers of theme books, these are filled with activities along with the worksheets. One could use these as a stand alone geography curriculum; I probably will when my youngest comes to this stage. I can't rave enough about this product!

The book has great ideas, but a lot of the information for the students to learn is not in the book. There are a lot of questions that students need to use atlases, the internet, or other non-fiction reference books to answer the questions. I do not have a lot of the resources needed for the

students to answer the questions.

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