

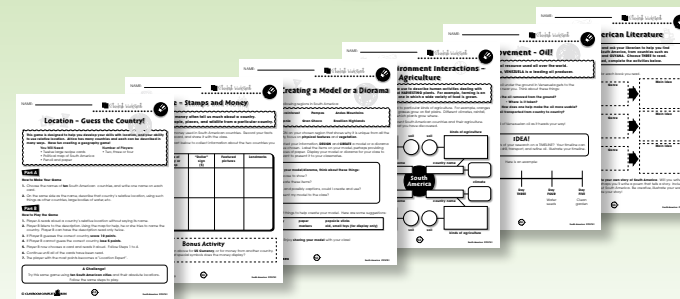
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## South America - Regions

1. If you were planning to write a guide book about several rooms in your school, how would you describe each room?

Think about these things:

size      characteristics      how and why people use it

In the box beside each special room's name, give details about that room in your school. Share your **My School's Three Special Rooms** work with a small group of friends.

a) the gym

b) the library

c) \_\_\_\_\_  
your choice



## South America - Regions

A **region** is an area of land that can be either large or small. A region can be described by the **features** that make it **unique**. Things like mountains or a rainforest help make a region unique. These are called **physical characteristics**. A region can also be described by the **languages** that people speak there. **Geographers** are interested in regions because regions can change over time. South America is a continent with many different regions.



(Piranha)

One of the most famous regions in South America, and in the whole world, is the Amazon **Rainforest**. Even though it is found in South America, this rainforest is important to the entire planet. The Amazon Rainforest contains so many trees that it helps clean the air from all over the world. Did you know that scientists search the Amazon Rainforest looking for new medicines to help cure diseases? It is also home to many unique kinds of animals, birds, and fish. Many of these animals are **endangered species**. Unfortunately, the rainforest is threatened by people who cut down its trees without replanting new ones. Thousands of acres of rainforest are lost each month. As these trees are cut down, many animals lose their **habitats**.



Give a few reasons why the Amazon rainforest is an important region.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Another important region in South America stretches from the northern parts of the continent to the south. This region is called the Andes, a very long and tall **mountain range** that passes through many different countries. The Andes region, especially in Peru, was once the home to the ancient Inca Empire. Many of its ruins can still be found scattered throughout the mountains.

The Pampas is a **grassland** region found on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean in Argentina and Uruguay. Like the **savannahs** of Africa, there are few trees on the Pampas. The summers there are warm and wet, while the winters are cool.



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cleans air

long & tall

few trees

Inca ruins

mountains

grassland

new medicines

endangered species

many trees

**A**

Amazon Rainforest

**B**

Pampas

**C**

Andes Mountains

2. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) The Pampas is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A grassland
- B mountain range
- C river
- D rainforest
- b) When too many trees are cut down, many animals lose their \_\_\_\_\_.
- A air
- B water
- C habitat
- D medicine



## South America - Regions

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. Be like a geographer! Describe the Andes Mountains.
- \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which features are used to describe a region?
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Research and Extensions

5. Many crops are grown throughout South America. Perhaps the most famous is coffee. Coffee is enjoyed by millions of people around the world each day, but where does it come from? How is it grown? Research coffee, and share your findings with the class. You may wish to present your coffee facts as a display, as a brochure or booklet, or as a Power Point presentation.

Here are some questions to get you started:

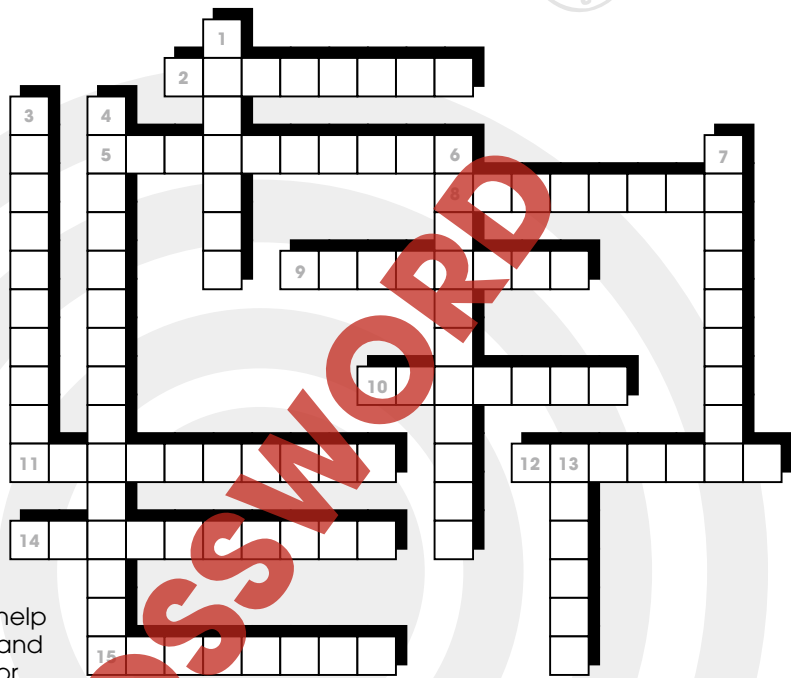
- In which regions of South America is coffee grown?
- Where is coffee grown (hills, valleys, etc.)?
- What does a coffee plant look like?
- What is a coffee bean?
- What steps are taken to turn a coffee bean into a cup of coffee?

6. Some modern countries in South America have been built on the sites of ancient **civilizations**. Thankfully, many ruins and buildings of these ancient civilizations still stand today! This allows us to learn about and appreciate those who lived long ago. Using the **Regions Change Over Time** organizer on the next page, **compare** an ancient South American civilization with the one that exists there now. You will have to conduct some research before filling in the organizer. You may wish to decorate your organizer with drawings or pictures of the things you have discovered during your research (i.e., a drawing of an ancient civilization's ruins compared to a modern city, or a map showing the location of the ancient civilization).



# Crossword Puzzle!

- equator
- medicines
- Rainforest
- latitude
- Panama
- Pacific
- mountain
- absolute
- Antarctica
- southern
- characteristics
- earthquakes
- Spanish
- hemisphere
- geographer



### Across

- 2 Lines on a map to help find a place north and south of the equator
- 5 One of the shapes made by cutting a sphere in half
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ location describes exactly where a place is.
- 9 The Andes is a long \_\_\_\_\_ range in South America.
- 10 Imaginary line running along the middle of the Earth
- 11 The Amazon \_\_\_\_\_ is a region with humid jungles.
- 12 A common language spoken in South America
- 14 South America is north of this icy continent.
- 15 South America is entirely in the \_\_\_\_\_ hemisphere.

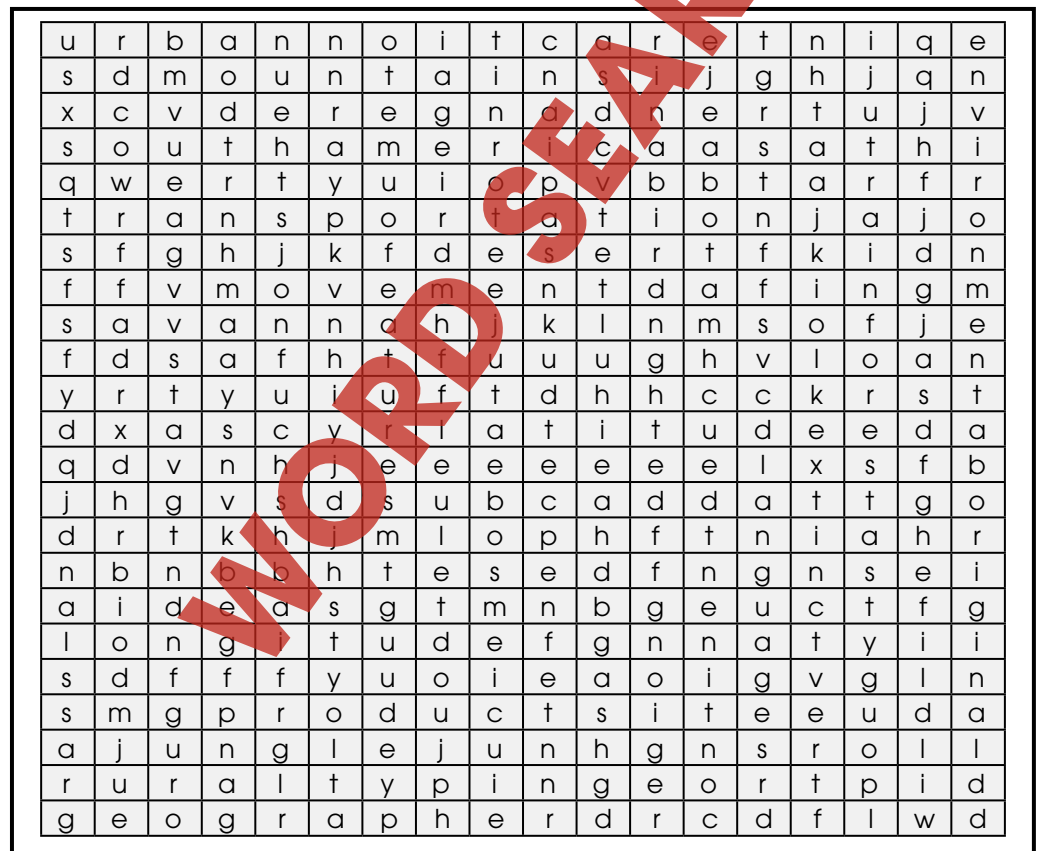
### Down

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean lies to the west of South America.
- 3 A person who studies geography
- 4 A place can be described by physical and human \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ in Peru have changed how and where people build their homes.
- 7 Scientists look for new \_\_\_\_\_ in the Amazon Rainforest.
- 13 South America is linked to North America at \_\_\_\_\_.

# Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- South America
- mountains
- Equator
- region
- rural
- languages
- endangered
- movement
- ideas
- continent
- interaction
- jungle
- links
- longitude
- grassland
- aboriginal
- extinct
- transportation
- geographer
- desert
- rainforest
- latitude
- urban
- wildlife
- features
- environment
- products
- savannah



# Comprehension Quiz

### Part A

Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false.

**T = True**  
**F = False**

- T F** a) Most of South America is north of the equator.
- T F** b) The Pacific Ocean is to the west of South America.
- T F** c) South America is linked to North America at Panama.
- T F** d) The trees of the Amazon Rainforest clean much of the Earth's air.
- T F** e) Peru does not have earthquakes.
- T F** f) Lima is in Argentina.
- T F** g) Latitude and longitude are used to find a place's absolute location.
- T F** h) The word **urban** describes an area in a city or town.

### Part B

Label the map by doing the following:

- 1. Show the following features on the map by writing the letter on the map in the correct location.

- a) South America
- b) North America
- c) Atlantic Ocean
- d) Pacific Ocean
- e) Caribbean Sea



- 2. Color the equator red.

SUBTOTAL: /14

# South America Transportation Map



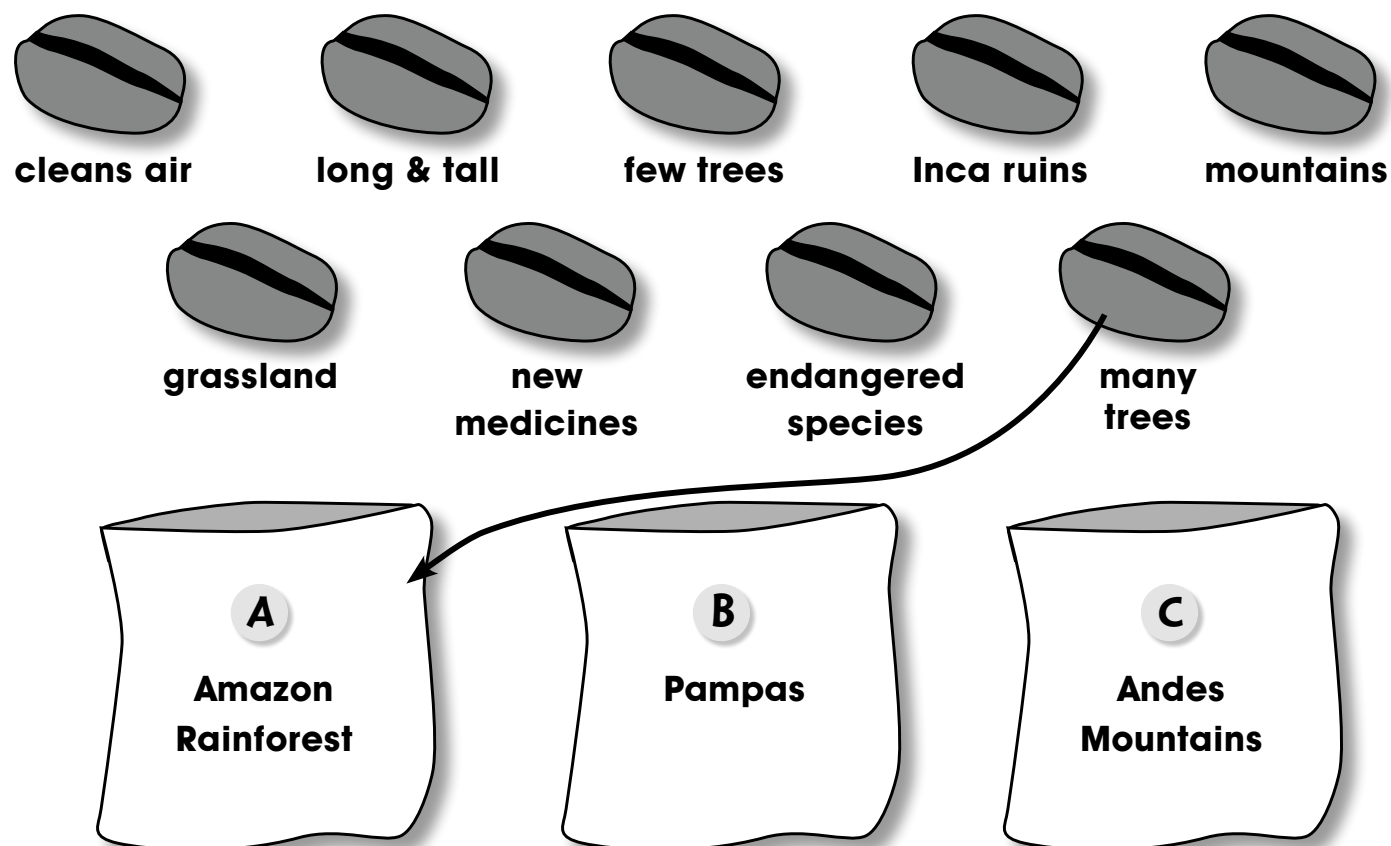
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After You Read 



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grassland      new medicines      endangered species      many trees

**A**  
Amazon Rainforest

**B**  
Pampas

**C**  
Andes Mountains

2. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

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- A grassland  
 B mountain range  
 C river  
 D rainforest

b) When too many trees are cut down, many animals lose their \_\_\_\_\_.

- A air  
 B water  
 C habitat  
 D medicine

1.

**A** Cleans air, new medicines, endangered species, many trees

**B** Few trees, grassland

**C** Long and tall, Inca ruins, mountains

3.

Tall, long, both rocky and tree-covered, etc.

4.

Geographers look at physical characteristics, languages spoken, and where and how people live.

5.

Answers will vary depending upon choices and resources used.  
Possibilities:  
Columbia, hills, a bush, etc.

Across:

2. latitude  
 5. hemisphere  
 8. absolute  
 9. mountain  
 10. equator  
 11. Rainforest  
 12. Spanish  
 14. Antarctica  
 15. southern

Down:

1. Pacific  
 3. geographer  
 4. characteristics  
 6. earthquakes  
 7. medicines  
 13. Panama

2.

a)  A

b)  C

9

10

12



# EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY