

# **Exploring the Geography of South America**

Student Name:		
Class:		
Due Date:		

#### Introduction

Welcome to this exciting homework assignment on the geography of South America! In this activity, you will explore the diverse geographical features of the continent, learn about different countries, and develop your critical thinking and teamwork skills.

### Activity 1: Map Skills

#### **Task 1: Label Geographical Features**

Label the following features on the map of South America:

- Countries (at least 5)
- Major rivers (at least 3)
- Mountain ranges (at least 2)
- Significant cities (at least 4)

Use different colors to make your map visually appealing and easy to read.

Question 1: Why are mapping skills important?
Write a short paragraph explaining why mapping skills are important for understanding the geography of a continent.

### Activity 2: Country Research

#### Task 2: Research a Country

Choose one country in South America and research the following:

- Capital city
- Population
- Main languages spoken
- A unique geographical feature (e.g., Amazon rainforest, Andes mountains)

Create a small poster or a short presentation about your chosen country. Include interesting facts and at least one image.

Question 2: Country Research
Write a short paragraph about your chosen country, including its capital city, population, main languages spoken, and a unique geographical feature.

### Activity 3: Geographical Features Essay

#### Task 3: Write an Essay

Write a short essay (about 150-200 words) on the significance of the Amazon rainforest to South America, considering its impact on climate, biodiversity, and local communities.

Question 3: Essay Question  What is the significance of the Amazon rainforest to South America? Use examples to support your answer.
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### **Extension Activity**

Design a Travel Brochure
Design a travel brochure for a fictional tour across South America, highlighting at least three countries, their unique geographical features, and cultural attractions.

### Success Criteria

To successfully complete this assignment, ensure you:

- Accurately identify and label geographical features on the map
- Complete a thorough and interesting country research project
- · Write a well-structured and informative essay about the Amazon rainforest
- Create an engaging and informative travel brochure (for extension activity participants)

#### Parent/Guardian Notes

Encourage your child to work independently but be available for guidance if needed

Ensure your child has access to necessary materials, including a computer or tablet with internet for research

Help your child manage their time effectively to complete the assignment within the given timeframe

Offer positive feedback and encouragement, highlighting areas of strength and suggesting improvements where needed

### Additional Tips for Teachers

For students with special needs, consider providing a simplified map or offering extra time for completion

Encourage the use of digital tools for research, map labeling, and presentations to enhance engagement and skills

Allocate time in a subsequent lesson for students to share their country research and extension projects, fostering a class discussion on the diversity and richness of South America's geography

## Assessment Rubric

Map skills (20 points)

Country research (30 points)

Essay (30 points)

Extension activity (20 points)

### Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this homework assignment on the geography of South America! We hope you had fun exploring the diverse geographical features of the continent and learning about different countries.

Remember to ask your teacher or parent/guardian if you have any questions or need help with any of the activities.