

St Luke's Knowledge Organiser



Year 6- South America

- ◆ There are 23 countries in North America, with Canada being the biggest.
- ◆ Mexico City is the largest city with more than 9 million people living there. Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent.
- ◆ Today, only about 2% of US Americans consider themselves as descendants from native Americans.



Sticky Knowledge

- There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.
- Brazil is the largest country and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.
- South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world. However, the Amazon carries more water than any other river in the world.
- Sao Paulo is the largest city with more than 20 million people living there.
- Spanish is the most popular language in South America even though Brazilians speak Portuguese.
- The Incas were the largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived.
- The Amazon Rainforest is known as the lungs of the Earth.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- ◆ To find out about the climate in South America
- ◆ To find out about the major mountain ranges of South America.
- ◆ To find out about the human geography of South America.
- ◆ To find out about trade and industry in South America

South American Countries

•Brazil •Argentina •Chile •Venezuela •Colombia •Peru •
Suriname •Bolivia •Uruguay •Paraguay •Guyana •Ecuador

- ◆ Plus, a part of France (French Guiana) and a non-sovereign area (the Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory though this is disputed by Argentina).

Vocabulary

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| street children | Street children are groups of children with no homes or parents who are forced to beg for a living. |
| pampas | The pampas are fertile South American lowlands that cover more than 750,000 km ² . |
| anaconda snake | Anacondas are semiaquatic snakes found in tropical South America. They are some of the largest snakes in the world. |
| I am somebody | A poem which was used in a campaign to bring attention to the street children of Brazil. |
| Andes | The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range. They lie as a continuous chain of highland along the western coast of South America. |
| inhabitant | An inhabitant is a person or animal that is a permanent resident of a particular place or region. |
| sparsely populated | Sparsely populated means that there are few people scattered around the area. |
| Lake Titicaca | Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Peru and Bolivia in the Andes Mountains and is one of South America's largest lakes. |
| Incas | The Incas, an American indigenous people, were originally a small tribe in the southern highlands of Peru. |
| Atacama Desert | The Atacama Desert is one of the driest places in the world. It has a stony terrain. |