

St Luke's Knowledge Organiser



Year 6 - South America and the Rainforest

- ◆ 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.



Geographical skills and fieldwork

- ◆ To find out about the climate in South America and the rainforests.
- ◆ To find out about the major mountain ranges of South America.
- ◆ To find out about the rainforests in South America.
- ◆ To explore the mountain ranges 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).

Sticky Knowledge

- There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.
- South America is the fourth-largest continent. Brazil is South America's largest country. Suriname is the smallest.
- Most of South America has a tropical climate. In the tropical rainforests of the north and east, it is hot and rainy all year-round.
- ◆ There are two different types of rainforests: temperate and tropical.
- ◆ The Amazon Rainforest is located in the continent of South America.
- A mountain range refers to a series of hills or mountains arranged in a line, there are several mountain ranges located in South America namely the Andes, Cordillera Paine, Cordillera Oriental, Wilhelmina Mountains, and the Cordillera Huayhuash.

Vocabulary

Latitude	Imaginary parallel lines that circle from the globe from east to west.
Longitude	Imaginary lines that run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.
Continent	A continent is a large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents.
Industry	An industry is a group of businesses that make or sell similar products or perform similar services.
Biomes	A large naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat, e.g. forest or tundra.
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
Deforestation	The action of clearing a wide area of trees.