

Geography Topic

South America - Brazil

Year 5

Summer

**What? (Key Words and Definitions)**

Deforestation	The Amazon Rainforest has been rapidly destroyed over the past 50 years. Since 1970, nearly 800,00km <sup>2</sup> of rainforest has been lost due to agriculture, logging and human encroachment.
Coffee Trade	The coffee plant is grown in abundance and South America big producers of coffee.
River Amazon	The longest river in the World
Rural area	An area outside of towns and cities
Urban area	A built up area where people live and work closely
Urbanisation	The process of making an area more built up and habitable
Indigenous	Originating from a particular place.
Favela	Poorer areas of housing in Brazil built on the edge of big cities- sometimes known as slums.
Emergent layer	Giant trees that stick out above the canopy
Canopy	Upper layer of trees that cover the lower levels. The habitat of many birds, reptiles and mammals.
Understory	Cool dark environment between the canopy and the ground.
Forest Floor	Ground layer of the rainforest
Humid	Climate with lots of moisture vapour in air

**What? (Key information)**

South America is the fourth-largest continent in the world. It covers about 17.8 million km<sup>2</sup>. It lies in the Western Hemisphere.

South America is the fifth most populated continent in the world- it has a population of 420 million people (although half of them live in Brazil!).

Most people live on the East and West coasts. The Southern coast and centre of the continent are sparsely populated.

The Equator cuts through the continent. Most of South America is in the Southern Hemisphere.

Countries of South America –include: Brazil/Argentina /Columbia/ Peru – Inca ruins – Machu Picchu, Andes Mountains.

The native language is *Portuguese*.

Brazil is home to the longest River in South America and indeed the world!

The River Amazon is 6,400km (4000miles) long.

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world.

It comprises of 5.5million km<sup>2</sup> across 9 different nations. There are 390 billion trees and approximately 16,000 species of tree.

**Great Quotes**

Prince Charles

“Forest are the worlds air conditioning system the lungs of the planet- and we are on the verge of switching them off.”

**Prior Learning**

Pupils will have understood about; maps and different climates, journey of rivers, key landmarks, and the diversity of the planet, linking with animal habitats.

**Agreed Outcomes**

Compare both the Human and Physical geographical features from Brazil in South America and the United Kingdom.



