

Did you know?









In 1498 Christopher Columbus, on his third voyage to the Americas, landed in Venezuela. Portuguese and the Spanish began to claim the land as their own.

South America

Year 5 Spring Term



Key Vocabulary

physical		Physical Geography is concerned with the earth's land masses, oceans, and climate.
human		Human geography focuses on where people live, what they do and how they use the land.
equator		The imaginary circle around the earth that is halfway between the North and South Poles.
tropic		The region around the equator between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
Tectonic plate		A plate-like segments of the Earth's crust and upper mantle which are actually moving very slowly across the planet.
native		People who have their origin from this place.
habitat		The natural environment that an animal or plant can survive in.
continent		A continent is a large continuous mass of land that contains a number of countries.

There are 12 countries and 3 dependencies in South America.

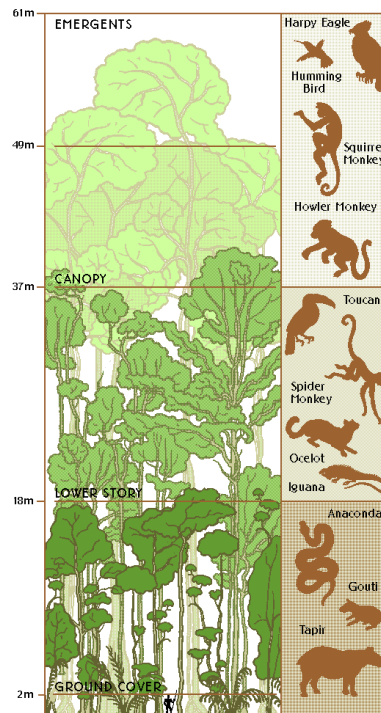
More than 433 million people live on the continent.

The largest country in this continent is Brazil.

The longest river in South America is the Amazon River, which is 6,437 km long.

The highest mountain in South America is the Aconcagua mountain, which is 6,961 m high.

Although there are 5 main languages spoken in South America there are 448 known languages spoken in the continent.



The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. 20% of the world's bird species live in the Amazon rainforest. It is home to around 2 and a half million different insect species as well as over 40000 plant species.

Did you know?

While South America's rain forests also are some of the wettest places on the earth, the Atacama desert in Chile is considered the driest place on earth.

Annotate your map of South America as we continue our learning journey.



Significant People

Community

Equality & Justice

Environmental Responsibility