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COUNTRIES

The countries in South America are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Brazil is the largest country. It occupies a little over one third of the continent.



TOPOGRAPHY

South America has a variety of land surfaces. There are mountains, deserts, rain forests, grasslands, coasts, islands, and glaciers. The elevation ranges from 131 feet below sea level to 22,834 feet above sea level.

South America has low, rolling mountains in the east. The Andes Mountains, along the western side of South America, is the longest mountain range in the world. Low mountain ranges include the Brazilian Highlands and the Guiana Highlands.



Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing word.

1. South America's widest area is from east to west of the _____.
2. The Andes are the longest _____ range in the world.
3. _____ is the largest country in South America.
4. The elevation ranges from 131 feet below sea level to _____ feet above sea level.

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WATERWAYS

The second longest river in the world is in South America. It is known as the Amazon River. It begins in the west in the Andes Mountains. The Amazon flows east to the Atlantic Ocean. It is 3,900 miles long.

It has more than 500 tributaries. The Amazon drains more than forty percent of South America. It carries more water than any other river in the world.



Two other river systems drain South America. They are, the Orinoco and the Rio de la Plata. Both of these rivers flow into the Atlantic Ocean.

There are few large lakes in South America. The largest lake is Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela. There are many large waterfalls in South America. The highest in the world is Angel Falls, in Venezuela.

POPULATION

The population of South America is about 346 million (estimate 2000). About half of the people live in Brazil. Almost six percent of the world's population live in South America.



Look up the words in the dictionary. Write the definitions on the lines.

1. waterfall _____

2. tributary _____

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

equator
cocoa

rainfall
forest

rivers
crops

mining
bananas

