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# South America

## *Lesson 1: Physical and Political Characteristics*

### **LOCATION**

1. Turn to the Continents and Oceans map on page 2. Use the map to fill in the table below.

Description	Name
Continent northwest of South America	
Continent south of South America	
Ocean east of South America	
Ocean west of South America	

2. Use the Land Cover Map on page 56 to locate each place described below.

- This sea is north of South America. \_\_\_\_\_
- This cape is in eastern South America near the Tropic of Capricorn. \_\_\_\_\_
- This strait is in southern South America near Tierra del Fuego. \_\_\_\_\_
- This gulf is in western South America near Point Parinas. \_\_\_\_\_

### **REGIONS**

3. Read the sentences below. Unscramble the letters in parenthesis to find the correct word(s). Refer to the Land Cover Map for help.

- These are located on the western edge of South America and are the world's longest unbroken mountain range:  
 (desan atinnomus) \_\_\_\_\_
- Some areas of this mountain range are shaded pink. According to the map legend, pink represents a cold area where only small plants can grow, or a:  
 (dunart) \_\_\_\_\_
- Located in Chile, this is one of the driest places on earth:  
 (amataca tesder) \_\_\_\_\_
- Much of the Brazilian Highlands is covered by this land cover often used for ranching:  
 (slargsdan) \_\_\_\_\_
- The semi-desert region in southern South America is known as:  
 (gatanipoa) \_\_\_\_\_
- Much of the region this river flows through is tropical rain forest:  
 (zanoma verir) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE**

4. Use the Political Map on page 57 to find the country that matches each description below. Write the name of the country in the space provided.
- This is the largest country in South America. The Atlantic Ocean borders it on the east.  
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  - This is the second largest country in South America. Chile borders it on the west.  
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  - Both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean border this country.  
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  - This long country stretches about half the length of the continent along the Pacific Ocean.  
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  - This landlocked country is bordered by Brazil, Bolivia, and Argentina.  
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  - What are the three South American countries crossed by the Equator?  
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  - What are the four South American countries crossed by the Tropic of Capricorn?  
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5. Draw a line to match each country with its national capital.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Capital</u>
a. Brazil •	• Caracas
b. Argentina •	• Bogota
c. Chile •	• Brasilia
d. Venezuela •	• Santiago
e. Colombia •	• Buenos Aires

**USING GEOGRAPHY**

- ▶ 6. Use the Political Map to answer the questions below. Circle the correct answer.
- Which of these three Brazilian cities is the largest?  
 Florianopolis                  Manaus                  Campinas
  - About how many miles apart are the Bolivian capitals of La Paz and Sucre?  
 250 miles                  500 miles                  750 miles
  - Which of the following is a possession, not a country?  
 Uruguay                  Suriname                  French Guiana