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South America

Lesson 2: Rainfall and Elevation

RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN PLACES

1. Use the Growing Season map on page 58 to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
 - a. _____ Plants grow all year in the Andes Mountains.
 - b. _____ Part of Peru has a growing season of less than three months.
 - c. _____ The growing season in most of northern South America is all year long.
 - d. _____ Southern Argentina's growing season is 8 to 12 months long.
 - e. _____ Most of Brazil's growing season is all year long.

USING GEOGRAPHY

2. Use the Cross Section of South America on page 58 to answer the following questions.
 - a. On the right side of the cross section are two degrees of latitude that represent the northern and southern boundaries. What are the latitudes?

 - b. What color in the legend represents over 10,000 feet above sea level? _____
 - c. Which country has more areas over 10,000 feet above sea level, Bolivia or Brazil?

 - d. The land along what river has an elevation of 0 to 500 feet above sea level?

REGIONS

3. Use the Elevation map on page 58 to find the elevation of each landform listed below. Circle the correct elevation.

a. Amazon Basin	0 to 500 feet	2,000 to 5,000 feet
b. Brazilian Highlands	500 to 1,000 feet	2,000 to 5,000 feet
c. Andes Mountains	1,000 to 2,000 feet	Over 10,000 feet
d. Patagonia	2,000 to 5,000 feet	Over 10,000 feet
e. Valdes Peninsula	500 to 1,000 feet	below sea level

REGIONS

- ▶ 4. Use the Rainfall map on page 59 to identify, for each pair, the area that receives the most rainfall. Circle the correct answer.
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| a. along the Equator | along the Tropic of Capricorn |
| b. southern Venezuela | southern Argentina |
| c. western Peru | eastern Peru |
| d. northern Chile | southern Chile |
| e. eastern Brazil | western Brazil |
| f. northern South America | southern South America |

PLACE

5. Compare the Shrinking Rain Forest map on page 59 with the Rainfall map. Use the pictures and information to answer the following questions.
- a. How many inches of rain does most of the Amazon rain forest receive per year?

- b. Is most of the Amazon rain forest found in northern or southern South America?

- c. Which South American country has the largest area of rain forest?

- d. Why are large areas of the Amazon rain forest being cleared?

- e. Would traveling through the rain forest be easier by boat or by car?

- f. Tropical rain forests are an important source of what?

- g. Which four countries in South America have areas that receive only 0 to 10 inches of rainfall a year?

- h. According to the caption under the photo of the Atacama Desert, this region can go without rain for years. In the Rainfall map legend, what color is used for this area?

- i. The wettest places in South America get over 80 inches of rainfall per year. Look at the United States Rainfall map on page 44. How much rain does your area receive?
