



St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Year 6

South America



Big Question: What are the physical and human features of South America?

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Place	Environmental Impact
Vocabulary	
Fault line	An area where earthquakes are more likely to happen
Biome	Biomes are areas of our planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants.
Tundra,	Treeless regions where it is cold and windy. There is often a covering of snow
forest,	An area of land dominated by trees
grassland,	Areas of land that are vast and open and grass is the main plant
desert,	An extremely dry area of land with harsh conditions and very little vegetation
mountain	A high area of land that is cold and windy
latitude	The distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator
Topography	The shape and features on the surface of an area of land
Deforestation	the clearing, or cutting down, of forests.
Natural disaster	natural events that can cause great damage such as earthquakes, flooding volcanic eruptions
Sustainability	How humans must interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations.
Hydropower	the process by which the water is used to generate mechanical power or electricity
Renewable energy	energy from a source that is not depleted when used, such as wind or solar power



Skills we will develop...
Locating places using maps and atlases
Comparing
Contrasting

Physical features of South America	Human features of South America
It consists of a diverse range of biomes – tropical rainforest, temperate forest, desert, tundra, and grassland	It has a population of more than 430 million people
The longest river is the Amazon at 6840 km which flows through the Amazon Rainforest	La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, is the highest capital in the world at 3640m
The Andes mountain range crosses from Venezuela to Chile and Argentina in the south. The tallest peak is Mount Aconcagua at 6593m	Famous landmarks include Christ the Redeemer in Brazil and Macchu Picchu in Peru
Some rivers have waterfalls like the Iguazu River - the Iguazu Falls the largest system of waterfalls in the world and Angel Falls which is 979m tall and is the tallest waterfall in the world	Brazil has the greatest population in South America of 212 million

South America consists of 12 countries and 1 French territory. It has the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. It is mostly located in the southern hemisphere and it has a diverse range of biomes including desert, rainforest and tundra.