

Year 6 Geography Knowledge Organiser

Term: Spring 2/Summer 1

Topic: South America

Key facts that I will recall by the end of this unit:

- Brazil is the largest country in South America and the 5th largest in the world.
- Like North America, South America is also a continent. It has 12 countries plus 2 regions that belong to European countries.
- Countries in South America have a variety of climates however countries in the Amazon basin (Amazon river) like Northern Brazil, Peru and Colombia are dominated by the rainforest and have hot and humid weather.
- The Equator runs through the north of the continent. The country Ecuador literally means 'equator' in Spanish.
- Most of the South American continent is in the Southern Hemisphere.

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| continent | a large landmass made up of many countries |
| environmental region | a place with its own nature and ecosystem that cannot be changed |
| Equator | an imaginary line around the middle of the world |
| latitude | imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west. |
| longitude | imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole |
| oceans and coastlines | the coast is the margin of land next to an ocean |
| topographical | arrangement of physical features in an area |
| Northern Hemisphere | the half of Earth (hemisphere) that is north of the Equator |
| Southern Hemisphere | the half of Earth (hemisphere) that is south of the Equator |



Equator

