



South America Knowledge Organiser

Vocabulary

Indigenous tribes: Groups of people who have lived in a particular place for a long time, often before others arrived. In South America, many indigenous tribes live in the rainforest or the Andes Mountains.

Tropic of Cancer: An imaginary line around the Earth, located 23.5° north of the equator. It marks the most northerly point where the sun is directly overhead.

Tropic of Capricorn: Another imaginary line around the Earth, located 23.5° south of the equator. It marks the most southerly point where the sun is directly overhead.

Climate change: The long-term change in the temperature, weather patterns, and other conditions on Earth, often caused by human activities like burning fossil fuels.

Temperate climate: A climate with mild temperatures, usually with four distinct seasons (spring, summer, autumn, and winter). It is not too hot or too cold.

Tropical climate: A hot and humid climate, often found near the equator. It has high temperatures year-round and lots of rainfall, with rainforests being common.

Urbanisation: The process of more people moving to live in cities, causing cities to grow larger and more developed.

Endangered: A species (plant or animal) that is at risk of becoming extinct because there are very few of them left.

Deforestation: The cutting down or clearing of forests, often to make space for farming, buildings, or roads.

Sustainability: The idea of using resources in a way that does not harm the environment, so they can be available for future generations. This means taking care of the Earth and its resources.

Human Geography	Physical Geography
Divided into 12 main countries- the largest is Brazil and has the greatest population in South America of 212 million	A diverse range of biomes-tropical rainforest, temperate forest, desert, mountains, tundra and grassland Tropical rainforests are located between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They can be found in South America, Africa, Asia and Australia.
It has a population of more than 430 million people	The longest river is the Amazon- 6840 km through the Amazon rainforest
Famous landmarks include the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro	The Andes mountain range crosses from Venezuela to Chile and Argentina in the south. The tallest peak is Mount Aconcagua at 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- 6593m

Map of human features in South America



Map of physical features in South America

