Unit 3: South America

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Course(s): **Spanish**
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Unit Overview

In this unit, students learn basic facts about the Spanish-speaking countries in South America, including their capitals and other important cities. They will learn where these countries are located and will be able to state at least one fact about each one.

Standards

WL.7.1.NM.A.3	Recognize a few common gestures and cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).
WL.7.1.NM.A.4	Identify familiar people, places, and objects based on simple oral and/or written descriptions.
WL.7.1.NM.B.3	Imitate appropriate gestures and intonation of the target culture(s)/language during greetings, leave - takings, and daily interactions.
WL.7.1.NM.C.4	Present information from age - and level - appropriate, culturally authentic materials orally or in writing.
WL.7.1.NM.C.5	Name and label tangible cultural products and imitate cultural practices from the target culture(s).

Essential Questions

How are South American countries different from the other Spanish-speaking countries that we have studied? How are they alike?

How are the Spanish-speaking countries in South America different from each other? How are they similar?

Application of Knowledge and Skills...

Students will know that...

- Iguazu falls are taller than Niagra Falls, are twice as wide, and are located on the border of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay
- Argentina is located next to Chile and is known for its tango music and delicious meat
- Bolivia has two capitals, La Paz and Sucre
- Bolivia is in the central part of South America and is known for its high altitude
- Brazil is the largest country in South America
- Chile is the home of the world's driest desert, the Atacama Desert
- Chile, Argentina and Uruguay make up the southern cone of South America
- Colombia is known for being the home of "Cumbia" music
- Colombia is Venezuela's neighbor and has a tropical coastal area and rainforest in the mountainous region
- Ecuador is home of the Galápagos Islands, known for having diverse animal life
- Ecuador is located on the Equator
- In Uruguay one would find gauchos and listen to tango music
- Paraguay is Bolivia's neighbor and has two official languages, Spanish and the indigenous language of Guaraní
- Peru is known for having delicious seafood
- Peru is located adjacent to Ecuador and is known for the Incan ruin, Machu Picchu
- The gaucho is an Argentine cowboy
- The official language of Brazil is Portuguese
- Uruguay is a small country next to Argentina
- Venezuela is located in the northern part of South America and known for having the tallest waterfall in the world, Angel Falls

Students will be able to...

- describe important facts about the countries of South America: location, climate, food, music
- locate on a map the different Spanish-speaking countries in South America
- name important cities and capitals in South America

Assessments

- Country Project
- Diagnostic: Other visual assessments
- Formative: Personal Project
- Label the South American map using a word bank and answer multiple-choice questions about the countries of South America.
- Locate the different Spanish-speaking countries in South America on a map and identify their cultural foods, cities and artifacts.
- Pre-assessment
- Select a Spanish-speaking country in South America and present information about its traditions,

location, capital city, food and music.

- South America Test
- Summative: Written Test

Activities

- take a virtual trip through South American, visiting different countries and cities, listening to cultural music, experiencing regional foods, and observing special traditions.
- label and color a political map of South America.
- create flags of the different Spanish-speaking countries of South America
- play a Jeopardy review game

Activities to Differentiate Instruction

- participate in Smart Board activities
- play review games on the Internet
- view a video about South America
- watch a PowerPoint, reviewing facts about the countries of South America

*see links

- South America- Geography Review Game
- South America Video
- South America- Smart Board Activities
- Power Point

Integrated/Cross-Disciplinary Instruction

- Flags (Art)
- Labeling the Map (Geography)

Resources

- Review Worksheets
- Smart Board Activities
- Review Games on the Internet
- PowerPoint
- Photos
- Peru Video

- South America Book

*see links

- South American Worksheets
- South America- Geography Review Game
- South America Video
- Smart Board Activities
- Power Point
- South America Website I
- South America Website II
- Photos of South America